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Boston May 7. 1728  
Then Paid for this Binding, this 7.  
By Ebenezer Davis

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long cove, the great pond & Park now at hand  
reserving roads & landing places

Esqrs. To John Winchester and Davido Tarr  
of Gloucester, two disinterested & judicious Persons -  
Greeting -

You are hereby appointed and empowered faithfully  
and impartially to estimate upon oath the da-  
-mage done to Ephraim Brown, by a black Ox  
calk ear being crop'd off & a Sitch on the same, alter-  
for that cause have been taken up and impounded  
by the Town pound by Ephraim Brown a justice  
you are also to appraise the said Ox in money  
according to your best judgment. Given under  
my Hand this sixteenth day of Aug<sup>r</sup>. A.D. 1800

Obadiah Parsons, Just. Pacis

Esqrs. Aug<sup>r</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup> 1800, the above named John Winchester  
and Davido Tarr appeared & made oath that in  
estimating the above damages & appraising the  
above Ox, they would act faithfully & according to  
their best Skill & judgment.

Before Obadiah Parsons, Just. Pacis

We the Subscribers by Virtue of the within have  
appraised -

The Ox at twenty Dollars	20.00
The Damages done Mr. Ephraim Brown & the Expenses as set forth	5.85
The pound keeper's Bill	1.50
The Appraisers Bill	1.00
The Justices fees	1.00

John Winchester  
Davido Tarr



Gloucester June 20<sup>th</sup> 1797.

We the Subscribers, have this day Surveyed and measured the Fence between our Pastures in Dog-town so called in the fourth Parish in said Gloucester. Plummers Pasture laying on the North side of the Fence formerly Francis Norwood's, on the Southernly side Card's Pasture formerly Jacob Allen's. Beginning on the Fence of John Law westerly and Running Easterly as the Fence stands through a Swamp to the Fence of Ambrose Allen's Land on Fresh marsh fence so called is Sixty Rods. we mutually agree as follows, to divide the fence, viz said Plummer is to have and maintain Thirty one Rods from the Western Bound, viz John Law's Fence. and the Remainder Twenty nine Rods said Card agrees to maintain till he comes to the Fresh Marsh fence. and agree that this shall be entered on Record in the Town Book of Records. As Witnesses our Hands. — David Plummer

Wm Card

A True Copy of the Original Agreement

Examined — attest. John Rogers Town Clerk

Gloucester June 24<sup>th</sup> 1797.

Taken up and impounded by Messrs Ebenezer Row and Ebenezer Poole a Red Steer, with a Crop off the left Ear, which Steer they have proceeded as to according to Law, and a Warrant to appraise said Steer, was given to Messrs John Collins & Thomas Roberts, on application of the said Row & Poole.

Gloucester August 1<sup>st</sup> 1798. — Entered <sup>Mr. Row appeared</sup> <sup>if returned the said</sup> <sup>Steer in</sup>

Entered — Gloucester Aug<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Taken up and impounded by Messrs Ebenezer Row and Ebenezer Poole a Red Steer, with a Crop off the Right Ear, and two halfpennies in the same, and a Nib in the left Ear. Also one Black heifer, marked with two slits in the right Ear, and one in the left Ear. Also one Brown speckled Heifer marked with a half penny in the left Ear.

Mr. A Warrant to Messrs John Collins & Thomas Roberts, was granted to appraise the abovesaid Red Steer, and brown

speckled heifer, on application of the said Poole & Row

Nov<sup>th</sup> 1798. — Mr. The above Warrant not returned  
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Found between high & low Water Mark on the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of September by James Bishop on the Beach adjoining the fisherman's fields in Gloucester a Mofes Boat bottom upwards half buried in the Sand with oakum out of some Places in the Seams, a piece of pine Plank about two & half Inches Square calked round, on the Star board side and on the larbord side a hole bored with an Augre and an Oak pin or plug in it.

She is about 5 feet wide length unknown  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>n</sup> 1765.

Impounded by Hubbard Ataskell and John Quables Hogscoos in & for the Town of Gloucester in the Pound in the fourth Parish in said Gloucester a large white Barrow Hog without any other natural or artificial Mark impounded on the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of August A.D. 1766.

Taken up as a Stray by Ambrose Vinson a red Steer a White Star in his Forehead while Feet by the Hoofs, & an half Crop in each Ear supposed to be coming two Years old with pretty broad spread Horns January 7<sup>th</sup> 1768

Taken up as a stray By Mr. Ebenezer Parsons a Black Horse with a White spot between his Eyes Quember the third day ad 1776

Taken up as a Stray By the Field Drivers for the town of Gloucester for the year 1784 - A dark brown Mare, with a white spot in her forehead, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June D. 1784.

Impounded, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September A.D. 1784 in the Pound of the fourth Parish of Gloucester a Red Horse colt about two years old - with a white Stripe on his face - and his hind feet white - By Jonathan Church Esq. Sept. 22<sup>d</sup> 1784.

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nathaniel Warner & William Dean you are hereby appointed a Committee (after you are sworn) to Appraise a stray horse colt taken up and impounded by Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Ruell - Peter Coffin Just. Peace Esq. - Sept. 22 1784.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Warner & William Dean were sworn to the faithful discharge of their Trust -

Peter Coffin Just. Peace  
Gloucester Sept. 22<sup>d</sup> 1784

We the Subscribers After being sworn have Affirmed the within horse colt at Three Pounds Lawful money

Nath<sup>l</sup> Warner

William Dean

A True Copy. Examined

Attest. John Rogers. Clerk

We the Subscribers, Viz John Low for himself and his son John on their part and David Plummer on his part have viewed the partition fence between their Pastures in Dog town so called in the fourth Parish in Gloucester Viz Plummer's fence on the Northwesterly side of said fence that was formerly Lebecheur Ault's Land and the said John Low's & his son John's Pasture on the Southwesterly side that was formerly Capt William Allens Land - The fence is Stone Wall 43 Rods - The Parties agree that said David Plummer shall have and maintain 23  $\frac{1}{2}$  Rods beginning Westwily by Madam Ellery's fence as the fence now stands running Easterly the said 23  $\frac{1}{2}$  Rods, to a Rock in the Wall with a stake and stones about it for his part of the fence - The said John Low & his son John to have the Remainder 19  $\frac{1}{2}$  Rods running Easterly as the fence now stands to a large Rock in the Wall marked L.P. for their part to maintain - and agree to have this Recorded Aug<sup>12</sup>. 1793.

Gloucester April 27. 1796

John Low

David Plummer

John Low Jun<sup>r</sup>

A true copy of the original Examined

Attest. John Rogers. J. Clerk

Taken up and impounded by William Rowe Jun<sup>r</sup>, a dark red heifer, supposed about two years old, having a slit in the right ear, and crop off the left, - recorded at W. Rowe's request, Oct<sup>2</sup>. 1807.

Taken up in the enclosure of the Subscribers, a stray white Ram, with small horns marked, with a half crop under his left ear, recorded at the request of Aaron Poole, for and in behalf of himself and his Brother Francis Poole, Nov<sup>11</sup>. 1814



This book is to enter all y<sup>e</sup> public  
 & common vote for a town and country  
 that is added in a town meeting beginning  
 At the first of may 1672 in the town  
 of Gloucester and entered by a Thomas  
 Riggs Town Clerk

And whose names are here written being  
 appointed from Plymouth and Gloucester to vendue the  
 bounds between our Towns & respectively in  
 At a Town with a house of votes & a house of  
 And where they formerly were to meet when was  
 removed and transferred the line to the stump of a  
 red oak or a black oak with a house of votes  
 and so traced and vendued the line to a house of  
 votes at Walkers Creek

Jacob Davis  
 Samuel Sargeant  
 Joseph Huskell

Robert King  
 Joseph Whipple  
 Isaac King  
 John Burr

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester  
 May the 18<sup>th</sup> 1694

Joseph Parsons At the said meeting was the  
 one of the Surveyors for High ways the said Parsons  
 and desired them to go and lay out the high way to the  
 Supers ward by the land of John Row Thomas with Saml  
 gardner and the said Joseph Parsons and upon the 4<sup>th</sup> day  
 fourth day of May 1694 three of the select men of the  
 town went and laid out the high way and desired  
 where the high way should go from the run of water  
 down out of the woods by the house of J<sup>r</sup> Parsons and  
 where the way was till they came to the corner of the  
 of Joseph gardner and laid the high way through  
 of his land and so through land that John Row had for  
 in it the town common and along by the  
 side of the swamp and so over the brook of  
 water that comes running down by the house of Thomas with  
 the way goes and the brook against the house of J<sup>r</sup> with

the town officers for the year 1700. some of the  
 is required of by law was at present in the  
 chosen before John Christen Esq. for one of the  
 for those who administer the oaths to the  
 the town officers

James Parsons of  
 and took the oaths  
 the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1700

after a year or more  
 at the town officers  
 on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1700



into Giron and disposed of it the Town 2  
meeting. Held. mairg. 12<sup>th</sup> 1692

Joseph cillin John Sargeant and Samuell  
Sargeant had the grant of the Saw mill  
Giron and vnder to them whiche was formerly  
granted to every person s<sup>th</sup> Samuell Sargeant  
and Job Gitt that they forfeited  
and these three men have named first have  
the grant of the mill and the priviledges  
belonging to it upon the same conditions  
that the other three had granted to them

John butman had 3 or 4 acres of ground  
Giron upon the left hand of the way as people  
travel in from Richard Ditt to Deacon hall  
over against the bog mind provided he puts upon  
it in three years time

o Zephiaell Collins had Giron him half an acre  
of ground upon the wester side of the way  
own land whereon to set a house against his

John Emerson junior had Giron to him Six acres  
of ground at the fargo along by the side of the  
mountain lot that fell to Ebenezer babson by lot

John Sargeant William Steward James Persons  
John Persons Richard Dobbins Richard babson  
had liberty to run a fence from the house of the  
said John Sargeant through the wood to fence  
Samuell Doy

Samuell Doy had Giron half an acre of ground  
to the Eastward of the house that was formerly  
moris some beyond the run

John Dabbs had Giron him one acre and half  
of ground upon the northeast side of that ground  
that the Town formerly gave him and the wood that  
was upon the land is reserved for the Town use

William haskell had granted him the Common  
Land that is between the six acres of swampy  
land and the Town gave him formerly and his pasture  
and the high way is to go through the pasture  
where it now is and the said haskell to make and  
maintain the bridge that is over the run of  
water

mairg. the 12<sup>th</sup> 1692

first vote was put in for County Treasurer

2ly Joseph haskell Jacob Dabbs and John Persons was  
chosen to renew the bounds between Manchester  
and Glosbr.

3ly by the cutting of the wood was renewed as for  
mairg. that is twenty shillings for every five rods  
for this year and there was also liberty given  
to cut up the old wood in the prohibited ground  
and if any cut up the old wood it is to be in  
part of the twenty shillings which they have liberty  
to cut and the same men that was last year to look  
after the wood that now is to be cut year to look  
after the wood to look after it this year also

4ly the vnderput of John Emerson is to stand a quarter  
part of his salary this year in money or equivalent  
to money

5ly John Dabbs had the wood Giron him that was  
growing upon the acre and half of ground which  
the Town had reserved for their own use

6ly Jacob Dabbs had liberty to run a fence with out  
his pasture fence upon the Town Common and to let  
the select men of the Town to order when he should  
run his fence

7ly Nathanael Erhart had liberty Giron him 40 Exchange  
the acre of ground the Town had given him as long as he  
did stay in town and to him it by the lease of Henry A  
and to let it down to the common when he left  
the Town if he did not sell upon it

According to an order from the select men of  
 Ipswich sent to the select men of Gloucester  
 to meet with those men where they had appointed  
 namely George Giddings and Thomas Biscoe and  
 Gloucester inhabitants those two men John  
 Coffins and Stephen Glover to meet with  
 those men where was appointed by Ipswich  
 and accordingly these men where was appointed  
 by said town laid out from the bridge -  
 river the high way through Mr John  
 Haffwell ground and John Burnings and  
 the ground of Edward Howden and to  
 the outside of Ipswich bound by the land  
 of Robert Drey

### Select men for the year 1693

Captain James Davis William Elvy Joseph Collins  
 Willi: Stobens Tho: Riggs

Willi: Sergeant sent was Thomas Tomlinson to join  
 with the select men for to make the Country Rate  
 Julign Tho: Millot and Benjamin Haskell was  
 Thomas Tomlinson for the year 1693

Nothing men for the year 1693 is as followeth

Willi: Haskell the 2<sup>d</sup> James Persons Tho: Dey  
 Clerk of the market is Julign Tho: Millot

Serbagons of high waies for town and harbour  
 is Sergeant Timothy Somes and James Persons

Benjamin Haskell for the year 1693 and warden of the

for grand Jury is James Sawyer for the Jury of  
 Ryall for the year 93 is John Row for Jun Courts  
 any Hugh Row for the Sale Courts

Thomas Riggs was Thomas Town Clerk  
 Deacon James Stobens was Thomas Weyson  
 for the year 1693  
 warden of the town and harbour James Persons and Tho: Row for Town



And by Law made by the select men of Gloucestre  
mairie 12<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1692<sup>th</sup> Imprimus it is ordered by the  
select men of the said Town of Gloucestre that all fowls  
both geese and turkeys shall be made sufficient against  
the penalty of six pence & toll for all fowls that  
not be made sufficient by the time appointed  
from the first of April to the last of September in  
the year 1692

It is ordered that all swine of a boar one year  
old or more to be put to the sword or else to the barre  
on the last day of May upon the penalty of six pence  
for head for every head and working so often as the  
said swine when six years old or more are not in use

It is ordered that all horses and mares shall be put  
to the sword by the first of April next except it be  
those that are kept for the saddle color and those that  
are kept for the law of the country by the last day  
of October when they are not in use upon the penalty  
of six pence & toll so often as such horse or mare  
shall be found upon the sword or mare either about

It is ordered that all rams shall be put to the sword  
and old from the first of the sixteenth day of July and  
not be put to the sword again to the thirty first  
day of October following and if any rams be found among  
the ewes contrary to this order the owner of said  
rams or rams shall pay one shilling & time to the  
owner of the ewes and keep the ewe half for the  
said ewe and the other half to be off the disposing  
of the select men and the said ewe is appointed to  
be kept from the ewes

It is ordered that all swine of a boar one year  
old upon the complaint of damage done either  
in town or in the country shall be sufficient  
of damage done to the best of the owner of said  
swine or pigs shall be found. Contrary  
to this order. After complaint is made to the  
owner of said swine or pig doing damage as

It is ordered that no free holder or other Inhabitant  
shall put either grass or thatch upon the  
common banks before the first day of August  
upon the penalty of one shilling & toll for  
every thatch that shall be found

It is ordered that John Dobbs whose dwelling is upon  
bickel Island shall keep no dog or cat about one year old  
upon said Island except it be a pack of working oxen  
upon the penalty of six pence & toll for every such  
time the dog or cat is to be put from the said  
Island

It is ordered by the select men to prosecute the breach  
of those orders and by Law that is a boar with  
excepting the breeding of fowls and the one half  
part of the penalty to be between those two  
men for their labour and the other half part  
to be at the disposing of the select men

James Dabill  
William Elvy  
Joseph Allin  
Will. Stevens  
Thomas Biggell  
Select men

At A generall Session of ye  
for the County of Essex at Ipswich  
mairie 28<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1693  
The Above by Law made  
Approved and Allowed  
Stephen Small Clerk



- Land given to Savorall At the Town meeting  
in glocester march 19<sup>th</sup> 1693 this grant is recorded in the page  
Robert Eliwell had given him one quarter of an acre of  
ground where he late sold his house not to hinder  
any way nor watering place
- John Sargeant had given him a parcel of swampy  
ground between the head of his marsh and the high  
way from his house to the run where the horse bridge  
is not to hinder the way nor watering place
- Ezekial Day had given him 30 or 40 foot of ground  
square by his ground that was given him before  
between Lobstar Pond and the land of John Davis  
hindring no high way nor watering place left to  
the lot Leys and neighbours to order for to get about upon
- Goodwill Robinson had given her a quarter of an  
acre of ground At the Easter end of her land  
hindring no high way nor watering place
- Joseph gardner had given him a quarter of  
an acre of ground on the Easter side of Peter mead  
not hindring no high way nor watering place  
and he is not to sell it
- Thomas witham had given him a Commonage  
It was voted that the land between Sadlers  
and Ezekial Collins his pasture between the way  
and the marsh is never to be given out  
It was voted that after this Town meeting  
all Constables shall cause the adjacent  
Emorsons Sallery to be paid with in six months  
time after there time is out yearly or else they  
shall pay it themselves  
If Emorsons is to have this year a quarter part  
of his Sallery in money or as money  
It is left to the select men how far the  
Town Common shall extend
- Benjamin\* Harvadam John Butman Nathaniel Day  
John Haskell Josiah Spent had each of them  
a Commonage given
- Town officers Chosen for the year 1694 out  
the Town meeting the 19<sup>th</sup> march 1693
- Willi: Sargeant for Joseph Haskell for William Spence for  
Deacon Stebens John Fitz John Hardy  
Jacob Davis James Davis select men  
Tho: Diggs for Committe
- The select men by a boite in the town meeting  
had full power given them to make orders and  
by Lawes

Any thing men Joseph persons John Bray  
Timothy day

Surveyors of high waies

James persons Sargeant Timothy Somers  
William Haskell for

Surveyors of foucis Thomas Lee moris Smith  
for Town and Harbour

Richard Dick Nathaniel Millett for the Berne field

Clark of the market Tho: millett for

To look after houses and how kind is

John persons Jacob Eliwell

no more old wood is to be cut into good  
wood to sell out of Town in the prohibited  
ground

A Committee was Chosen in the  
Town meeting for to have inspection upon  
any that shall have taken in any of the Town  
lands within four without license to cut it to  
be turned out to the Common again

The cutting of good wood the grant of it was  
renewed as it was in the year 1693 only no good  
wood to be cut to sell out of Town in the prohibited  
ground and these men that was appointed to  
look after it last year is to look after it this  
year also





For the Dow Commons and what sever flow or  
kind that is not according to the Abow said  
to be for the use of the Dow or Collier shall  
not be suffered to go upon the Dow Commons  
without they be in hand upon the penalty of  
one shilling & time so often as the men that hold  
to look after that the Town officers and by  
Laws be observed and kept shall take them  
Glocester march 21<sup>st</sup> 1693 James Strong,

At A generall Sessions of John Hadly } Select men  
at Assize held at Assize } James Davis }  
march 21<sup>st</sup> 1694 } Jacob Davis }  
the Abow by Lawes were  
allowed and confirmed  
Attest Stephen Small Clerke

At A Town meeting held in Glocester  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1694

The first beite was that there should be but  
three men chosen for to be officers

2ly Jacob Davis was chosen Benjamin Haskell and  
Jacob Davis were the three men where was  
chosen by the inhabitants at said meeting  
to be officers to chuse the inhabitants to the  
Country

3ly Samuel Hodgkins was chosen at the Town  
meeting held in Glocester July the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1694  
by the four holders and other inhabitants then  
convened and assembled together to keep the  
feery at a small Towne for seven years time  
provided the said Samuel Hodgkins doe performe  
the following conditions that is the said Hodgkins  
is to keep a good Canoo for to carry over single  
persons and a good boat that will that will carry  
over two horses at a time or two whether and  
three in good whether and he is to have for every  
person he carries over the feery one penny & time  
and for horse or horse kind two pence & time for the  
that belongs to the Town provided he give good offer  
and and for strangers he is to have one penny for  
every single person and three pence & horse or horse  
kind for every time he carries any over and to be  
provided with a good boat by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
September next After the death day of

At A generall Town meeting held in Glocester  
march the 13<sup>th</sup> 1694 The Town officers where  
chosen at said meeting for the year 1694  
John persons was then chosen Constable

Select men John Hadly Benjamin Haskell Timothy Sames  
Samuell Sergeant Thomas Bigh Senior

Viewers of fences and Common drivers for Town  
and Harbour is Morris Smith, Ezekial Collins  
and for the Bayward is Nathaniel Millett John Bigh

Everything men is Joseph Haskell son  
Edward Haskell son Thomas Sawyer Morris Smith  
Surbaier of high waies is

William Haskell son Timothy Sames Senior  
Joseph persons Clerk of the market is Thomas Millett  
Town Clerk is Tho. Bigh Senior

Commissioner for to agree with the select men to  
make the Country safe if we be day James Davis  
At was voted by the officers that there should be but  
one Town Clerk for the year next time  
2ly John Sergeant engaged himself to the inhabitants at the  
meeting to make and keep in repair the bridge and  
every way that is over the run and about the run that  
run into the water between the said Sargeants meadow  
and Sargeant Stevens his meadow and the way from  
the house and the to Sargeant is to be from the water



- at the high way in any other place in the Town  
 6ly It was left to the Select men by Voite to order  
 how far the Town Common should extend about  
 the Town and Harbour  
 7ly The Select men had full power by voite given  
 them by the Inhabitants in the Town meeting  
 the 18th may 1641 to make by laws and other  
 things concerning the Town for the good of the Town  
 8ly It was left to the Community that was chosen in  
 the year 1693 in the Town meeting may 19 1693 day  
 Joseph ellin and Timothy Somers Joseph Haskell for  
 being that Nathaniel Ditts and his mother under  
 the said Ditts if they think fit the neighbours be  
 in of the Town Common that is to be sold  
 to be sold to the Common again to cause it to  
 9ly The reverent Mr John Emoryson pastor the year is to  
 have a quarter part of his salary in money or as many  
 10ly The Community that was chosen before or as many  
 Stebens and Ezekial Tollins added to them that  
 were before to look what remains what there remains  
 behind to Mr Emoryson of his yearly salary and  
 to see and look after that all the Constables to  
 this present year respectably make be their d  
 or do to pay a fine of Twenty shillings & more  
 for the use of the Town  
 11ly The grant of good wood is renewed for this year  
 1694 where it is allowed of to be cut 20 and for  
 a term of years with the same conditions as hath  
 been formerly and Joseph ellin Timothy Somers  
 and Ezekial Tollins is to look that none do  
 stand and keep sold and what is prohibited  
 in the book  
 Lands given and disposed of to severall  
 Inhabitants at the generall Town meeting held  
 in Gloucester may 18th 1694  
 Mr John Emoryson had given to him a parcell  
 of land by Sandy bay by the side of the ground  
 the Town formerly gave him and left to the  
 Lot Layers to order it hindaring no high way  
 • Ezekial Tollins had given him that Common  
 Land that layeth between the 1st acre of ground  
 where the house is set by that the Town gave him  
 and the land that was formerly given to Robert  
 Scrimgeour but now in the possession of the sd Tollins  
 given to Timothy Somers for and John Day a  
 parcell of 10 acres of ground at the head of the  
 pasture which was formerly Moris Somers his grant  
 beginning at the northern corner bound tree of the  
 said pasture which was Moris Somers and so upon a  
 straight line to the northern bound tree of the land  
 of John Day  
 John Digg had given him 4 or 5 acres of blosam  
 and swamps by his orchard and his six acres of  
 ground left to the Lot Layers to order hindaring  
 no high way nor watering place  
 Joseph Angersall 2 acres of ground in the Plains  
 by the head of John fitts his pasture or rather acres  
 in Westbury valley of the Lot Layers thing fit  
 The Town Inhabitants gave Samuel Stebens  
 Liberty to sell what timber he hath already  
 got towards cutting of about 40 to sell it to whom  
 he please  
 given to Thomas Low six acres of ground at the  
 Cape about the head of Sandy bay at the head  
 of Mr John Emoryson his ground  
 John Haskell had given him 3 acres of ground  
 by his own ground and Thomas Lewkins ground left to  
 the Lot Layers to order hindaring no high way

Joseph Millard had given him 2 or 3 acres of ground  
 to make use of for his life time upon the bare  
 side of brages pond and left to the lot lawyers to  
 order when it shall be there and to be laid down  
 to the common again at his death the said mill  
 Joseph had given him 2 or 3 acres of ground  
 upon the street mount point to sett by fishing  
 upon and when he or his doe leave of the fishing  
 there then this ground is to fall to the  
 down again  
 Given to Joseph Haskell four six acres of ground  
 upon the Easter side of the gate of his fathers  
 pasture next to his vntle Benjamin Haskell  
 adjoining to his fathers pasture  
 Given to Thomas Bow six acres of ground  
 at the head of that cove of ground which was  
 given to his brother James Bow hindring no high  
 way  
 Given to Thomas Witham three acres of ground  
 upon the west side of his house and upon the  
 Easter side of the brook  
 Given to Joseph Davis 4 acres of land at the  
 head of his fathers land hindring no high  
 way nor watering place  
 Given to Anthony Dryden 3 or 4 acres of ground  
 white lot upon behind the house  
 Given to William and a Communion  
 lying near whig Island between the marsh  
 of William Elory and the highway  
 Given to Nathaniel which  
 upon the Southwest side of his ground facing road  
 wide next the way  
 Given to Ebenezer Elwell one acre of ground to sett  
 a house upon between Abraham Robinson and his  
 brother the Elwells  
 Given to Joseph Day 4 or 5 acres of ground where  
 the lawyers think it may be convenient about goats  
 and hindring no high way this land is laid down to be town  
 Given to John Dwyer one acre of ground to sett a  
 house upon of that ground which William Coleman  
 did enjoy his life time of the town land  
 Ezekiel Day had liberty by a boile in the town  
 meeting to sett in a 1/2 acre of ground of the town  
 common to plant for 3 or 4 years where the  
 lot lawyers and the neighbours shall think convenient  
 and what wood grows upon the land that the day  
 Given to Samuel Sargent one acre of ground upon  
 the Easter side of Haskin Pond upon the point to  
 sett by fishing upon the said land hindring no  
 high way nor watering place  
 In the town meeting the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1694 was granted  
 by a generall voite that there should be no more ground  
 given out upon the neck between Haskin Pond and  
 Plum Pond  
 Given to William Haskell four half an acre of  
 swampy ground by his land which was formerly his  
 grandfathers Haskell and yours to his John Wills his land  
 and the land of Joseph Haskell about 1/2 acre  
 Given to Samuel Woodman one or two acres of swamp  
 ground and to be laid out about the 2 acres  
 of swamp which was formerly given to John Hammon  
 In the town meeting the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1694  
 It was granted by the Inhabitants  
 that there should be no more ground given of that  
 white land which William Coleman had the  
 use of for his life time nor there about after John  
 Dwyers acre was laid out and the rest of the common  
 vacant land to be in common for ever  
 Given to Thomas Sawyer 2 acres of upland by the  
 swamp that fell to Peabodys son when the great  
 swamp and the pollopody swamp was given out in lots  
 Given to William Elory 2 acres of ground at  
 the South end of the long beach  
 Given to John Steady a corner of land between the  
 Easter side of his house and the great edge of rocks  
 not dammifying the high way to be ordered by  
 the lot lawyers  
 The first lot given



don to John Roberts six acres of ground by the  
land of nathaniel hadloik. 10

Stamwood an Island of upland lying by the  
X meadow called by the name of Soines Island  
given to moris smit 4 three acres of swampy  
ground by the side of the old mill pond it  
nd John Emerson and Joseph Endlots Endlots but  
not Against the said smit having of it  
given to Timothy Day two acres of ground  
upon the hill by his six acres that was given  
him before  
given to Richard Goding two acres of  
ground before his door hindering no high way

At a Town meeting held in glocester mar 18<sup>th</sup> 1694  
the selectmen or Towns men had full power given them  
by the freeholders and others inhabitants by vote at a  
meeting to make orders and by laws for said Town most  
Thomas Biggs Clerk

Imprimis It is ordered by the select men that all  
fences both generall and particular shall be made sufficient  
according to law by the fourth day of April next

2<sup>ly</sup> It is ordered that all sheep shall goe below a fence  
torn the first of may to the first of october in field or  
thirland and be provided to keep the sheep

3<sup>ly</sup> It is ordered that all dry cattle of a bond one year  
old shall be put to the cart or ell to the baits by the  
first of may excepting working oxen and working ponies  
to be put to the cart or ell to the baits by the first of  
may upon the penalty of six pence for each dry  
cattle any working oxen to be taken upon the day  
when such oxen are not in use then when such oxen are  
not in use to be turned to the eastern point

4<sup>ly</sup> It is ordered that all horses and mares shall be put  
to the cart by the fifteenth day of April next  
cost it be that that are kept for the for the said or  
dollar and those that are kept for that service to be  
sufficiently foddered according to law by the last day of  
April next and so to be kept foddered to the last day  
of october following when such horse or mare is not in use  
upon the penalty of six pence for time so often as such  
horse or mare shall be found about town or harbours  
upon the Town common without fodder

5<sup>ly</sup> It is ordered that all rams both young and old shall  
be put from the end by the sixteenth day of July next  
and not to be put to the grass again until the thirtieth  
day of october following and if any ram be found at  
monge the ewes contrary to this order the owner  
of such ram or rams shall pay out shilling for time

6<sup>ly</sup> Town orders be observed and kept the one half parts  
of the penalty to be for the said rams and the  
other half part to be for the distressing of the  
select men and according to the distressing of the  
towns all generall Town meeting bill in  
was then appointed for the rams to be put to  
upon they were to be put from the end yearly  
and the Island to be kept for that end and to  
put falls upon

7<sup>ly</sup> It is ordered that all Swine of a bond one  
year old upon the complaint of damage done either  
in Town meadow or Pasture Land shall be sufficiently  
yoked and ringed or Pastured Land shall be sufficiently  
yoked and ringed upon the complaint of any  
damage done upon the complaint of any  
time so often as any Swine or pig shall be found  
contrary to this order after the pig shall be found  
Ded to the owner of such Swine or pig after it is  
damaged as aforesaid

8<sup>ly</sup> It is ordered that no free holder nor other Inha  
bitant that have Privilage in the Towns that shall  
before the twenty day of August next upon the com  
ty of ten shilling for time and it is further ordered  
that whosoever that shall put their swine upon the  
Town banks about the side of the water shall be  
shall be under the same penalty of ten  
shillings for time



11) 28thly It is ordered that humphrey woodberry no  
inhabitant shall keep any drie stalle upon hisket or  
of elbous one year to be on the penyally of six pence &  
time for every sure beest as is not to goe upon the stalle  
after the drie stalle is to be put from the Town &  
Common drivens and for the viewward is moris smyth and  
Elizabeth Gollins for Town and harbour and Nathaniel  
millott and John Riggs for the bartoked also these four  
men whiche are chosen by the Town inhabitants before  
mentioned the select men do appoint to see that the rest  
of the Town orders be observed and kept excepting  
viewing of fences and the one half part of the penyalties  
are to be for these four mens labours and the other  
moity or half parts to be all the discharging of the  
select men

What wherof in the Town meeting held in  
Glocester the 18th maye 1694th the power was given them  
in the meeting how farre the Town & Common should extend  
the select men have determined that the north  
Land from the meeting house to the point of the  
calfes pwards his pointe and so from the Easter end  
of the river and in John emousens hemystead to Seidforsum  
and to little good hawlow and the eastern point  
shall be accepted for the Town & Common only it is  
ordained by the select men that if any inhabitant  
have any chutles to sett or oxen to work they have  
the liberty to turne them to the eastern point and  
whosoever shall put chutles to eastern point to sett  
shall enter what chutles they are with the hemyard  
Glocester maye 22th 1694

Timothy Somes  
John Radly  
Beniamin haskell select men  
Samuell Sergeant

All a generall Sessions of the peace holden at Iffwiche  
maye 26th 1694 the cibus by Lawe were read  
considered allowed and confirmed  
Attest Stephen Serwall Clerk

x upon the Twenty first day of maye 1694  
Davis James sawyer and Timothy Day did acknowledge  
to the Community viz John haskell Timothy Somes  
Joseph ellin and Thomas Riggs so whiche were appointed  
by the Town to look to any that had taken in any  
of the Town & Common this three men first named  
having taken in of the Towns Land with in a generall  
fence did acknowledge the Land with all that was going  
upon it of wood or timber to be the Towns right  
and upon that account the Community did send word  
that the four might stand till the next generall  
Town meeting also David Davis did acknowledge that the year  
before he had set the wood upon the Towns Land  
upon the Twenty fourth day of maye 1694  
did acknowledge that he had fencd in some of  
the Towns Common lands to the select men of  
the Town and did also promise to pay one shilling  
to the Town in many an acknowledge ment  
that it was the Towns Land and upon that con  
dition he had liberty from those men that were ap  
pointed by the Town to look after any that had  
taken in any of the Town & Common that his fence  
might stand to the next generall Town meet  
ing whiche according to the Lawe of the Country  
will be the next maye following  
Richard babson being possessed in the lands of his  
mother Elinor babson who had taken in some of  
the Towns Land and by order from the Towne  
who was appointed to lay out and set bounds of  
his Land and accordingly it was done as will appear  
in the Town booke of votes for Richard babson  
upon the 24th day of maye 1694 did acknowledge  
the Land whiche his brother Elinor babson had taken in with  
in his fence of the Town & Common to be the Towns  
right and did also promise to pay one shilling to  
the Town as an acknowledge ment that it was the Towns Land  
and upon that condition he had liberty his fence  
stand to the next generall Town meeting

Jacob Davis having joined in some of the towns  
Common lands by lease from the town at a town  
meeting in March 1692 and at the town  
meeting in March 1694 the Town Inhabitants gave order  
to the Community that was that the 19th of March 1695  
and upon the 30th day of May 1695 the Community called the  
said Jacob Davis to an account about the land he had  
in the Towns Common land and the said Davis  
his partner gave to the Towns right with with all the  
wood and timber that was growing upon the said Common land  
and also gave a bill in money to the Community for an  
acknowledgment that it was the Towns right and that  
his partner might stand to the next town meeting.

At a Town meeting the 4th September 1695  
Deacon James Davis had 29 votes John Davis had 23 votes  
Deacon James Stephens had 30 votes

Those men above named are appointed  
and chosen at the meeting and fully im-  
posed by the said meeting to search out where  
soever any man in the said Town of Gloucester  
banks or broken meadow priviledge in their  
words speak of these three men above named  
shall prosecute him or them to effect and to  
sue or cause to be sued any man that  
shall or hath infringed upon the Towns  
Common of the said their banks or broken meadow.

At the same meeting those four men that  
was chosen by the select men in March 18. 24  
had full power given them to observe and  
said meeting to prosecute the same by the  
Town orders to effect and the said Town  
will stand by them.

At a Town meeting the 18th of November  
in the year 1695 Deacon Stevens was chosen moderator  
the first vote in the meeting that the select  
men had full power given them to make a vote  
to pay all the Town debts that are honestly  
due to any of the Inhabitants according  
to the year 1695.

2ly That the select men or any three of them  
as Trustees for the Town are hereby fully  
imposed by the Town to find in all  
those debts that are due to the Town from  
any of the Inhabitants and to use all law-  
full means for the recovery of the said debts  
and to give an account to the Town at  
the next generall Towns meeting.

3ly That the select men of the Town or any  
three of them shall lay out a high way  
from Biskoy Island to the main where the  
causeway is made and to agree with the  
owners of the marsh upon reasonable terms  
for the damage and from the marsh to the  
ferry at Biskoy Island where the way  
is already made.

Upon the 2nd of November 1695 according to  
the act of the Town about writing Timothy Sonds  
the Sergeant Thomas Digg to being three  
of the select men laid out the high way from  
the ferry at Biskoy Island where the way  
is already made to the town of Humphrey  
let and then along by the marsh side the  
way was laid out in good wood being ground  
with in the town to the white oak that stands  
by the house at the end of the causeway being  
about a mile and a half as it is stated out and so  
about a mile and a half of new Emulsion so and the  
marsh of Humphrey wood being to the bolland  
next to Nathaniel millers house and so  
from the marsh to the long bridge house of the  
millers where the way goes from the house  
of Stony down to the place that is in the  
way that goes round to the but called  
the dogs mind.



13) At a Town meeting held in Gloucester June 10 1696  
Select men for the year 96 are as followeth John  
Benjamin Haskell William Stobbs Samuell Sargeant  
John Parsons John Sargeant is chosen for the year  
the year 1696 7 Lythingmen for the year 1696 and as  
followeth William Haskell Thomas Low Philip Stander  
Surbaieurs of high ways for the year 96 is John Low  
James Sawyer moris Smith and these three men and  
Chaffon Edwards of fencibles for the same year 96  
James Parsons was chosen Town Treasurer for the year 1696  
Thomas Millett Sower was chosen Clarke of the market  
for the year 1696  
Thomas Byles was chosen Town Clerk  
Call this day for the town took the oaths before  
Haywards or Justice drivers for the year 1696  
Ezekial Collins and John Day for town and harbor  
and Nathanaell Doute for the better side  
the voter. and John Emerson is to have a quarter parts of  
his salary in money or a quarter about 10 money for the year 96  
Richard Dike Hugh Row and Ezekial Collins entered  
a protest against the money part of Mr Emersons  
yearly salary for the year 1696  
Good wood is boited down in the Town meeting  
upon the Town Common now to cut any good wood  
upon the town Common land in the year 1696  
there was Liberty given to the inhabitants or any  
of them to cut wharffe wood of Hemlock pine or  
Poplar to sell out of town  
William Haskell for Ezekial Collins and Ezekial  
Day was chosen and empowered by the inhabitants  
at said meeting to look after the breach of town orders  
and taking the owners of the saw mill to an  
account or any other man for cutting and carrying  
off from the Town Common either boards timber  
staves or hoop poles or any other things contrary  
to the towns orders.  
John fitz James Davis and John Gray is chosen  
a committee for to bow the hill of votes that is in  
controversy between Joseph Clarke and William  
to make reports to the town the next Town meeting  
how they find it  
Joseph Allin Ezekial Collins and Thomas Byles  
is made choice of at a new at Town meeting for  
to be a committee for to conclude with the  
Mr John Emerson concerning the arrears of votes  
which is not yet paid to the Town and Emerson  
It was boited in the town meeting and by votes it  
was left to the Select men of the town to provide  
a school master in convenient time to teach school  
The town gave full power to the Select men of the  
Town to make orders and by laws for the good of the  
Town for the year 1696  
Given to John Butman two acres and half of  
land growing about the head of Lobster pond in  
stead of the four acres of ground that was given  
him by the town upon the westerly of the high  
way that leadeth to the widow Haskell house over  
against the bog wind which 4 acres of ground  
is leind down againe to the town by the John Butman  
and the grant to be void for it was never leind out  
by the last year and this two acres and half of  
ground afore mentioned to be leind out enoyding  
to the grant hindring no high way nor  
wattering place  
Mr John Emerson had a Comainge given him and no  
more to his ground at Sandy Bay



to sell the same after above lot at the day  
of the house that was his fathers selfe the same  
as the rest of the neighbourhood when the lot  
was laid out at the day  
given to James Sayward half an acre of ground  
between the run that runs into the river and  
and Drifts and his hindering no high way nor  
coming down to the water side nor watering place  
and if the sd Sayward do not build an house upon  
the land by this time & whelmout it is to fall to  
the town again except the sd Sayward can give  
sufficient reason why he did not build and if he  
doe a house upon the land and when he is minded  
to leave the town he is to sell it to one in the  
town at the same price he hath lent out by one  
other person last one & tomorrow granted to  
the same if he had none before  
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John babson had the Lot granted to him that  
 his brother Thomas babson should have had cut  
 by a town act and it is to be laid out either  
 with the head of the Lot or with the side

At his Left to the select men to satisfie  
Humphrey woodbury for the high way that is  
laid out through the woodburys marsh and  
along the edge of his vgland

This half acre of ground a bow specified which  
was given to James Scayward the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 1692  
was laid out by the lot lawyers the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1692  
and bounded as follows it is. Situated and lying on the  
the South side of the hill on the North side of the main  
all the head of triple bar being bounded with all  
the other domain with a stake all sides on main and all  
wood in long and eight rods in breadth and five rods  
to high water mark. Entered in the book of records for 1692

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town of Gloucester for the year 1696.  
It is ordered by the select men that all  
houses be repaired and the streets shall be made off  
sufficient and according to law by the sixth day of  
April

2ly It is ord<sup>ed</sup> that all day cattell of a bow and  
year old shall be put from the Cow Common by the  
first day of may except such as are after mentioned  
and to be kept of till the last of September upon  
the ponality of six pence per time so often as such  
cattell shall be found upon the Cow Common and it  
is further ord<sup>ed</sup> that all the Cow Common land  
upon the Town neck to the fulling mill and so  
to little goos harbour, River at the head all the  
Cow Common on the west side of that line to the  
Cut and the Eastern Point shall be the  
Cow Common

349 Now Common It is ordered that all working oxen shall be put of from every part of the town Common by the last day of may except the Eastern point and kept till the last day of September on ponds of six ponds or head so often as they shall be found upon the town Common Furthermore that any to fall for this years killing may goe on the Eastern point

4ly It is ordered that all Horses and mares of all  
bond one year old shall be put of from the Com-  
mon by the Towne of Chervill except those  
that are kept for the Sudd or Collier and those  
that are kept for that service to be sufficient  
ly fottred according to Law by the last day of  
April and so to be kept fottred till the last day of  
October when said horse or mare is not in use or  
the pannelty of panneling time so often as said horse  
or mare shall be found upon the Town Common or  
pastures and Stone Horses not to goe upon the Common  
without Liberty from the Select men on the pannelty  
of the Law of the Country

15) It is ordered that no rains shall go on the water  
except on big bet Island from the 25<sup>th</sup> of July  
the first of November upon penalty of imprisonment  
time so if on all five rains shall be found upon it  
common

6ly It is ordered that all Swine both great and small of  
a bow one year old shall be sufficiently ringed  
in complaint of damage done either in corn or meadow  
or pasture land and small piggs to be yeared or kept  
by upon complaints of damage upon the penalty of  
six pence for swine or piggs for every day till the time  
of course with them

7<sup>th</sup> It is ordeined that no parson shall put any tithes  
or grates upon the common benks before the first  
first day of august upon the penalty of four shillings  
per day or parte of a day It is further ordeined  
that no parson shall put any tithes in the night  
time before the first day of september upon the  
penalty of four shillings a night

By It is ordered that all cattle and horse kind and  
to be put in pound contrary to this order any

only It is ordered that Ezekial Tolling and John Day and Nathanaell Doits all or either of them are empowered to prosecute the breach of these orders in all and every particular to wit and one half of the penalty shall be for he or they that prosecute if he bring it them and the other contrary to the Informers and if all or either of them shall neglect or refuse to prosecute these orders shall pay to the use of the Town twenty shillings in money

Benjamin Halkell

Shillings in money Benjamin Haskell  
Gloster mawte 24<sup>th</sup> 1696 John Hadly Salt

John Hadly  
Willi: Stobong  
John parson  
Samuel Sargeant

At a Towne meeting held in Gloucester  
July 30<sup>th</sup> 1696 for to choose a Justice to make

Don't know how far  
 the country went  
 Captain James Davis Lou James Stobord and  
 James Davis were at Holon ~~at~~ with last meeting

and had the most bolts and did not do to  
except of the slave and the silent man  
the crown of glory being appointed by the

to stand in the place of effort to all the  
laborers of the new world to the summer

54 The select men had power given them  
meeting to make a rate to pay the

fair money to sell for any thing  
you want to buy. I have bank or broken  
plans to give you more than these records speak of it

now fully made appear what there was  
of - honestly said - I had no doubt

At a town meeting held the 2<sup>d</sup> November 1698  
between Shobbs and Northcote it was shewen  
upon the great jury at the

and meeting to serve upon the grand jury and the superior court held at Salem the 10th day of the month of June 1898, John Lawrence and John Dyer, to serve as grand jurors of the said court.

the Soviet men how power given them and to  
make it own rights to pay the

own <sup>down</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>make</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>honestly</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>attending</sup> <sup>24th</sup> <sup>day</sup> <sup>66</sup>

an even meeting held in glashow January 1696 77  
the year 1696 after this time till the next general

to meeting that every freeholder within the parish of the town hath liberty to cut down wood of

prohibited to be ~~toll~~ out of town and where it is  
prohibited is now to be put to toll out of town

Directly or Indirectly upon the Locality of  
any narrow no man shall cut into wood  
any one shall cut that it under

to take out of town any oak trees that  
has been through all the stump, upon the  
rate of three shillings & two pence one half to the

after the town ordance while we'd be all rolling  
down the hill in a hole in the road of will

call for: upon the penalty of ten shillings I dare  
any that shall put yealous thoughts upon the



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the freeholders by vote of the town meeting did ex-  
hibit one acre of upland ground with the  
hedges of the town common with the  
by the land of the said hedges hindering the  
way nor watering place for one acre of land  
which the said hedges bought of Joseph Clarke  
common in law of the acre of land which the  
to hedges kept of the town. Joseph Clarke  
James Davis is to be there when the land is lent out  
to the hedges

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester being the  
general town meeting March 22<sup>nd</sup> day 1696/97  
John Row was chosen Constable for the year 1697

Joseph Raskill & Thomas Bray Nathaniel Poole  
John Parsons and Thomas Higginson were chosen  
stret men for the year 1697

Nothing more for the year 1697 where were chosen  
Nathaniel Millett Jnr. Sawyer Samuel Webber

the town & road men for the year 1697 is James Parsons

the clerk of the market is Thomas Millett son for the year 97

the town clerk is Thomas Higginson

the Surveyors for high ways that were chosen for 97  
48 James Sawyer for the bridge and Thomas Low and  
moris Smith for town and harbour

the four wards of fencibles that were chosen for the year 1697 is the  
to James Sawyer Thomas Low and moris Smith

96 the common and fence drivers for the year 1697

Jacob Elwell and Nathaniel Bray for town and harbour  
and Timothy Day for the bridge

10 the select men have full power given them by vote  
of the general town meeting by the freeholders  
and others that are qualified according to law to make  
orders or by law for the good of the town

11 the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town  
meeting of the committee of five men viz James Parsons

Joseph Clarke John Parsons James Davis and the Higginson  
to sell or give land to the value of forty or fifty  
pounds to raise money to pay in England what is

behind of the arrears with the strength and the  
committee neither one to give nor sell any land but to

those that belong to our own town this act about  
selling of land is but for the year and not to sell

or give for money any land where it may be profitable  
to the neighbours and the town in general to be

at no charge about it but those that have the land  
to be at the whole charge and the committee

for sale or gift of land for money shall not give  
about six months time for payment after it is sold

or given on a bill by the recorder of the town  
given to the committee on penalty of being

in ballio after the time they sell or give lands  
to any of the freeholders or other inhabitants

of the town of Gloucester and whatsoever lands  
are sold or given by the committee appointed for that

about the recorder of lands for this town  
service the recorder of lands that this general town

of Gloucester is empowered that shall by this  
meeting to record it to any that shall by this

act be made proprietors of any lands sold or  
given for money with the quantity and the

bounds as is used and as it had been given  
or sold in the town meeting

12 it is an act past in the town meeting that there  
shall be no more roads made out to sell out of town

upon the north east side of the way or path there  
that goes from the house of Jacob Davis his ground

to the house where the old Scrimmell stood that  
formerly Jacob Raskill above the house of Joseph Raskill

now upon the penalty of ten shillings & over the  
one half of the penalty if any do transgress to those

on that and to keep clear road and the said  
by the committee to be for the use of the town

13thly it is agreed upon at the generall town meeting  
that in Gloucester maner 2d 1696 (97) that the inhabitants  
of the town have liberty to cut & remove wood of dead  
wood for aforesaid in such places as is not prohibited from  
cutting of dead wood in former orders and also at this  
present meeting and whosoever shall cut above twining  
for or aforesaid for this present year upon the town  
common lands without they buy it of any other inhabitant  
but that have liberty to cut shall pay to the town  
and those that are appointed to look after it four  
shillings & four pence

At the generall town meeting 2d day 1696 (97)  
The inhabitants of the town considering the great damage  
by reason of young pine and hemlock which is bearing  
up in great exceedingly upon our common land & also by  
make and confirm an act in the town meeting that all  
and every man or woman which shall cut or sell there  
privilege in cutting of dead wood on the common land and  
common pine young pine and hemlock and briars and such  
like that is growing and is noxious to the common and  
shall bestow one day work every one that make use  
of the privilege of cutting of dead wood to sell out of town  
or any that sell their privilege to others or hire any for that  
and the inhabitants at the meeting shall fine men  
to look after the dead wood that none did bring to the town  
order and grant and likewise to look and see that every one  
do perform their duty in cutting of those pine and  
hemlock and such like trees as was noxious to the common  
the men that were chosen for the town and harbour and  
James Shonout Edward Harraden and Ezekiel Collins  
and Timothy Day and Jacob Davis for the burroughs and whosoever  
shall refuse or neglect attending the aforesaid order at the  
time and place by him or them appointed shall be severely  
punished from any right in cutting or selling any dead wood  
upon the town common for this year ensuing and those men  
which are chosen do neglect ye faithful discharge of the trust  
committed to him or them shall forfeit the sum of five  
shilling the one half to the town and the other half to the  
informers furthermore these men which are appointed and  
imposed at the meeting to demand of every one that cut  
wood in whose name he or they do cut whether it is common  
or above pine or hemlock if a purchaser under whose hand he  
bought it and if he or they shall presume to cut contrary  
to this order the value of one day work or more he shall  
forfeit all his wood so cut one half to the informers and the  
other half to those men appointed which shall finally take  
away the same as fully as if it were his own property and  
this day work to be done by every man by the last of this  
instant moor

14thly that was liberty given to the inhabitants of town and  
harbour to run geese from Ezekiel Collins his house there  
the woods to the head of geese pond and to geese sufficient  
geese cut geese pond and by Ezekiel Collins his house and that  
that have the benefit of it to be at the charge of cutting  
and the land to remain the towns

16thly by Mr Enderson request about the land upon the north  
side of the old town mill pond was left to the Society  
and Enderson was to have a quarter part of his salary in  
money or as money the year 1697

18thly that James Davis his request of altering the high way  
that is between his house is left to the Society and the  
neighbours

19thly Samuel Day his request is granted of being changing  
the high way that is on the back side of his house and  
that the high way shall be as before his house along  
by the side of his ground and that Samuel Day is to  
make it good and sufficient for people use

20thly that the Town had liberty given to him to take in  
three or four acres of the town's common land upon the  
south side of the brook under against the house of  
in at Samuel Day for three or four years time and then  
to lay it down to the town again



ordained and by laws made by the select men for the town of Gloucester  
in the year 1697 that  
imprisonment it is ordered by the select men that all fowls, both  
generall and particular should be made up sufficient and returning  
to be seen by the first day of April  
By it is ordered that all dry cattle of about one year old  
shall be put from the town common by the first day of May  
except such as are either mares or geldings and to be kept at home  
till the town common till the first of September upon the penalty  
of six pence or time so often as they shall be found  
upon the town common and it is further ordered that all the  
common land upon the town meadow to the fishing mill  
and so to Little goddards river at the bridge, all the common  
land on the west side of that line to the out and the eastern  
point shall be the town common

By it is ordered that all working oxen shall be put from  
every part of the town common by the first day of May  
except the eastern point and kept till the first day of Sep-  
tember or annually of six pence or time so often as they  
shall be found upon the town common

By it is ordered that all horses and mares of about one year old  
shall be put from the town common by the first day of May  
except those that are kept for the seed or gelding and those  
that are kept for that service to be sufficiently taken care  
ing to leave by the first day of April and so to be kept till  
the first day of October when such as are mares or geldings  
shall be put upon the penalty of six pence or time so often as they  
shall be found upon the town common and all horses  
and mares shall not be found upon the town common with  
out liberty from the select men or on the penalty of the  
law of the country

By it is ordered that no ram shall go upon the common  
except Billy Island from the twenty first of July until  
the first day of November upon the penalty of twelve  
pence or time so often as such rams shall be found upon  
the town common except Billy Island

By it is ordered by the select men that all swine both great  
and small of about one year old shall be sufficient by  
rights according to the law of the country and yearly  
upon the town common of damages done either in open or  
meadow or pasture land and small pigs to be caught or  
kept by upon the town common of damages done as if a  
cow or swine by greater swine upon the penalty of six  
pence or time so often as they shall be found upon the  
town common or pigs for every day till the owner of  
such swine or pigs take a cow or pig with them

By it is ordered that no person shall put any thing or great  
upon the town common before the first day of August  
in the year 1697 upon the penalty of four shillings per day or  
part of a day and it is further ordered that no free husband  
shall put any thing or great upon the town common  
either that is or great upon the town common in a day and  
no person shall put any thing or great upon the town common  
in the night time before the second day of September upon  
the penalty of four shillings a night or part of a night  
and it is further ordered that if any that puts either  
that is or great with more than one in a day directly  
or indirectly shall pay four shillings per day or part of  
a day

By it is ordered that all debts due and owing  
that are found contrary to the orders made by the select  
men they are to be put in pound

By it is ordered that Jacob Elwell Nathaniel Way and  
Samuel day are appointed and authorized to prosecute  
the breach of these orders in all and every particular  
to effect and one half of the penalty shall be for the  
party that prosecutes and the other half or moiety to the  
informers and if all or either of them shall neglect or  
refuse to prosecute these orders shall pay to the use  
of the town twenty shillings in money

Gloucester market 10<sup>th</sup> 1696 1697.

Joseph Hasskall

Nathaniel Day

Thomas Way

John Parsons

Thomas Briggs

select men

may 1697 Town meeting was a place for to draw  
and had jury men to serve at the Superior Court  
Captain James Davis was elected and deputed  
the four hold red and other inhabitants  
extending as the law directs to serve the town  
for the year 97 at the great and annual Court  
Saville William Sargeant to serve the town  
grand jury and Jacob Davis and Benjamin Huskell to serve  
the four of trials at the Superior Court to be held at  
the 18 of May 1697.

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester the 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1697 for to give the select men power to make  
a town rate for the defraying of town charges  
and the four hold red and other inhabitants qualified  
as the law directs at the Town meeting gave  
full power by vote to the select men for to  
make a Town rate for the defraying and distray-  
ing of the towns debts that was honestly due  
to any of the inhabitants

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1697  
Nathanial Wharf and Joseph Harradan was chosen  
at the meeting to serve at the Superior Court upon the  
jury of trials the last Friday of December  
and the next business the town went about  
was discharging concerning building of a new  
meetinghouse of forty foot square and sixteen  
foot stud between forty feet then the first vote  
was to choose a committee of three men for to  
manage the building and completing of the  
meeting house the men that was chosen by vote  
their names are as followeth Benjamin Huskell  
John Varsen and Samuel Sargeant  
2<sup>d</sup> by the committee that have the disposal  
of lands for the paying of the old charges to  
Mr. Emerson had power given them at this town  
meeting to treat with any that did desire to  
buy any timber or ground upon the out skirts  
of this town bounds

At the generall Town meeting held in Gloucester  
maing the 4<sup>th</sup> day 1697/98 the Town officers  
that was chosen at the meeting for the year 1698  
the 2<sup>d</sup> William Sargeant was chosen Constable and  
the 2<sup>d</sup> Willi. Sargeant doct. clerk with his brother  
William Sargeant to serve in the place of a constable  
in his room the town will be contented

The select men for the year 1698 are as followeth  
James Davis James Sawyer William Stevens Ezekial  
Collins and John King

Clerk of the market Thomas millett  
The thing men is Timothy day Samuel Hodgkins John Babson  
Surveyors of high ways Roward of fowles and  
food drivers is Timothy day John day and Thomas  
Sawyer Town Clerk is Thomas Biggs

Orders made by the Town at the meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> That whosoever shall either directly or indirectly  
cut either pine or oak and carry to any sawmill  
without the townships of Gloucester into any other  
town shall pay to the use of the town 2<sup>d</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>  
\$ 4<sup>th</sup> that shall be cut and carried out of the  
township Joseph allin John Sargeant and John Pearson  
is chosen to look after the breach of all the orders  
made and confirmed by the town

2<sup>d</sup> It was agreed upon by vote that Mr. John Emerson  
should have a quarter parts of his salary that  
he is to have in the year 1698 in money or  
a equivalent to money  
John Davis was chosen town over-  
seer and tithing



the select men had power given them then  
at the town meeting the 12 day of may 1698  
to make ordow for the prudentiall affaires of the  
town according to the best of their discretion  
passing their by laws

1<sup>ly</sup> the cutting of fere wood upon the town  
common according to the ordow that was made by  
the town for the year 1697 was renewed for the  
year 1698 and likewise the ordow about cutting  
of bushes upon the town common by every one that  
did either cut or dispose to another the priviledge  
of the wood to cut any day each particuler person  
or to him by the last day of next may after this  
town meeting in such places as shall be appointed  
by those men while the town hath put in trust  
to see it be performed the men waite the town  
hath chosen is Edward Howrden John Lewis Ezekiah  
Pollins and John Day

given to George Storer half an acre of ground  
upon the southward side of Triples Pond over  
against James Saywods house hindring no high  
way Landing place nor watering place

given to Elisha Dundy half an acre of ground  
about the way that leads to Roberts Elwell house  
where the neighbours and the lot lawyers think it  
sho. How how a common is granted if that he  
had none before.

Ezekiah Pollins had liberty to run his four  
straight leaving the highway sufficient and if  
he take in any of the town common lands  
within his four to make his four straight to leave  
out to the common so much of his own land as  
will make the way from his house to the town  
John says swamps that he would exchange  
with the town for another part of swamps  
is left to Timothy Comes to Thomas Biggs so and  
Northmaill wharf

It is left to the select men house as they  
shall see convenient for the necessity of  
the town

the inhabitants that are belonging to Gloucester  
upon the westward side of Squam river hath  
liberty to have a running place on that side  
the river where they shall judge convenient

ordow made by the select men of the town of Gloucester  
to be observed by the inhabitants of the town sayd 1698

and as followeth  
firstly it is ordowd if all fowls be generally and particuler  
be sufficiently repaired and mended by according to law by the  
fourth day of April next coming on penalty of six pence &  
folds or rods

2<sup>ly</sup> it is ordowd that all horse find shall be put of from  
the town common by the fifteenth day of April next coming  
except sure as are kept for the Saddle or Collie and those if  
are kept for it shall be to be sufficiently fed by the last day  
of April & so to be kept fed by the last day of October on  
penalty of being impounded and shall pay six pence & head  
so often as they shall be impounded by those that are appointed  
to prosecute these ordows and no horse shall be put upon the  
common without liberty of the select men upon the penalty  
of the Law of the Country

3<sup>ly</sup> it is ordowd that all dry cattle about one year old  
shall be put from the town common by the first day of May  
on penalty of six pence & head so often as they shall be impounded  
by those that are appointed to prosecute these ordows and all  
working oxen to be put of from the town common by the last  
day of May except it be from the 2<sup>th</sup> upon point on penalty  
of six pence & head so often as they shall be impounded by  
those that are appointed to prosecute these ordows when taken up  
any other parts of the town common  
along to the other side

4ly It is ordeined yt all swine of a good order on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of May  
damages done either in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~wood~~ <sup>wood</sup> or pasture land shall be  
justly & lawfully yoked and ringed and smaller pigs upon some land  
of damages done to be yoked or kept up

5ly It is ordeined that all sheep shall go before a ~~sheep~~ <sup>sheep</sup>  
in the good from the middle of April to the last of September  
in case a sheep do appear to keep them

6ly It is ordeined that all rems shall be put from the ewes  
by the fourteenth day of July & not to be put to the ewes &  
goins until the fourth day of November and in case any ram  
or rems shall be found upon the Common among the ewes  
contrary to this order y<sup>e</sup> owner shall pay five shillings  
to him or ym yt shall take them by and in case no owner  
appear after six days publication in writing upon the two  
by our meeting house with a description of the marks of y<sup>e</sup>  
ram or rems every five ram or rems shall be forfeited  
unto him or them that do so take him or them by

7ly It is ordeined that ~~no~~ <sup>no</sup> ~~shall~~ <sup>shall</sup> find no dogs ~~shall~~ <sup>shall</sup> be  
put upon basket ~~shall~~ <sup>shall</sup> upon penalty of six pence for each dog  
found as they shall be found upon the Common on the Common  
belonging thereto saving unto him who woodberry liberty  
to keep one dog kind on the Common and it is to be understood  
that the Common is from Little good harbour to good  
run and from thence to the mill and from thence to the mill  
weir of this kind and the north of Common land on y<sup>e</sup>  
west side of the mill river

8ly It is ordeined that all persons yt have fenced in & impo-  
red any ~~part~~ <sup>part</sup> of the Common Land belonging unto this  
town without leave shall forfeit make there application  
to the select men of this town for a more orderly pro-  
ceeding in yt matter or els may the select men proceed  
with all offenders

9ly It is ordeined that all persons  
whom they have been in the damages done & like  
to be done by felling of trees for the respects of our  
town this spring it is therefore ordeined yt no person  
or persons that have so done or may do so shall not  
fell any trees for fire wood until those that are ready  
fallen or shall be fallen for the end aforesaid shall be cut  
up and made use of upon penalty of two shillings per  
tree for every tree fallen contrary to this order  
one half of the penalty to the townsmen and y<sup>e</sup>  
other half to the prosecutors of this order

10ly It is ordeined that Timothy Day and John Day and  
Thomas Sawyer shall be the men all or either of the  
being appointed and impowered by the select men to  
prosecute the breach of these orders in all and every  
particular to report one half of the penalty shall be  
for he or they that prosecute and the other half to the  
townsmen and if all or either of them shall neglect  
or refuse to prosecute these orders he or they shall pay  
to the use of the town twenty shillings each man yt  
shall so neglect or refuse

All persons are hereby to take notice yt whereas  
bissett Island was appointed by the town to put rems  
upon it providing that the rems cannot be kept there  
on but do some of and do great damages unto the neigh-  
bourhood on the west side of the river and to y<sup>e</sup> whole  
town in generall all persons are therefore desired to  
take due care of their rems and not to depend to  
pasture them on the Island upon penalty above Recited  
Gloster made this 18<sup>th</sup> day 1697/98

James Sawyer } Select  
James Dabbs } men  
John Ring }  
William Stephens }  
Elizabeth Collins }



At a Town meeting in the borough of Gloucester June 21<sup>st</sup> 1698  
by the first vote William Stobens was chosen moderator  
2<sup>ly</sup> Tho. Biggs & Edm<sup>d</sup> Collins by vote at the meeting  
were chosen to make complaint to the Court  
to be holden at Salom the 28<sup>th</sup> day of this instant  
June against the town of Tewkesbury for want of a  
sufficient bridge or ferry over the same river in the  
high way between Tewkesbury and Gloucester according to  
an appointment and order of the Court and likewise  
to prosecute the same from Court to Court till the  
order of Court be fulfilled concerning the said bridge  
3<sup>ly</sup> the said men had full power given them at the meet-  
ing to make a town rate to pay the town debts to  
assess the inhabitants to the value of a single country  
rate

4<sup>ly</sup> there shall be a committee chosen for the settling and  
knowing of bounds between the town and particular  
men between their banks and broken meadow and par-  
ticular men & proprietors that belong to the said town  
at the meeting to present all those that refuse or  
neglect to settle bounds as the Law directs in that  
behalf

5<sup>ly</sup> there was three men chosen to be the committee  
viz. William Stobens James Davis jun<sup>r</sup> and Edm<sup>d</sup> Collins  
6<sup>ly</sup> it is also voted that where this committee will  
is chosen at this town meeting in the behalf of the  
town and particular men in their own behalf do  
know and settle bounds concerning meadows that  
banks and broken meadows that those shall be the bounds  
for ever and so be recorded in the town book of records  
for lands

7<sup>ly</sup> where the committee and particular men cannot  
agree about the settling of bounds that then this  
committee have full power to settle make and settle the  
bounds according as it was given and granted this is  
voted to stand good

An order made by the freeholders and other  
inhabitants at the town meeting held in Gloucester  
June the 21<sup>st</sup> day 1698 concerning their  
banks and broken meadows which is the towns  
common is that the same order which was made  
by the select men of the town for the year 1697  
and to stand in full force for this year 1698  
only the day that was then set when people  
should begin to cut the common banks is altered  
to the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of the m<sup>o</sup> of august this year  
and if any do transgress this order the penalty  
to be double what it was in the year 1697 —  
and to pay it the that is or grass which has  
or they shall cut upon the towns common banks  
contrary to this act made in the town meeting  
the one half to the select men and the other  
half to be for the use of the town and  
the men that are to prosecute the breach of  
any of the orders made by the select this year  
are fully empowered to prosecute the breach of  
this town act

John Dow had liberty <sup>given him</sup> to sell out of town  
four or five thousand foot of boards out of  
town to procure wherewith all to repair  
his mill with all without paying twine for  
2 thousand

23) At a town meeting in Gloucester August 11<sup>th</sup> 1698  
the first vote was for the shipping of coffins and  
the vote carried it to Chuse nono

24<sup>th</sup> In answer to the proposal made by the town  
of Ipswich at a town meeting held in Ipswich July  
the 28<sup>th</sup> 1698 it is proposed by the inhabitants of  
Gloucester that if the town of Ipswich will build a  
sufficient bridge for horse and man and mounting the  
same for ever over the river at the place in the place  
where the bridge was formerly erected that then the  
town of Gloucester will give unto the town of Ipswich  
the sum of twenty pounds money when the  
work of the bridge is finished

25<sup>th</sup> or upon further consideration at the town meet-  
ing in Glo: August 11<sup>th</sup> 98 that if the town of  
Ipswich will build a sufficient and good bridge  
over the river called the Tobacco river and maintain  
it for ever at the point called meeting point  
and the house of quarter sessions will be pleased  
to give them the high way through Ipswich from  
the said meeting point and likewise from the  
point to the out side of Ipswich bounds towards  
Gloucester and make the way sufficient for man and  
horse then the town of Gloucester will rest satisfied  
and contented therewith

the first vote concerning how much and Emerson  
should have for his salary this year 98 whether  
year or no and it was cast by a negative vote  
not to have 70 pounds this year

the next vote was in the town meeting and carried  
by the affirmative vote that Mr Emerson is to have  
fifty pounds for his salary for this year 1698  
and no more to be paid according as formerly  
has been to be paid

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Glo: Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1698  
for to shipping jury men to serve at the Superior  
Court to be taken at Salem November the 8<sup>th</sup> 1698

John Parsons to serve on the grand jury  
John Jay Jonathan Stearns and John Burges to serve  
on the jury of trials

the next vote was the select men have full  
power given them at a meeting to dissolve and  
sell to the gentle men of Boston that is concerned  
in building of a ship house in the town of Gloucester  
of the town of Gloucester what timber is now  
to be used for the building of a ship provided  
that that build the ship do employ the  
inhabitants of the town first as many as  
capable of working upon the ship so long  
as the ship may be a building

At a meeting in Gloucester the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1698 for to ship  
jury men to serve at Salem Court the 21<sup>st</sup> of this instant  
December 98 James Seaymore and Thomas Ben were chosen to serve  
on the jury of trials

26<sup>th</sup> William Sargeant to John Parsons and Samuel Sargeant  
were chosen a committee to run the line and remove the  
boundaries between the town of Gloucester and the town of  
Ipswich to the place of the line and the same formerly  
Thomas Millet from being in the possession of the town of Gloucester  
by writing under his name and the town notice to remove the  
boundaries and to appoint the day and accordingly that three  
men appointed the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1698



At a meeting of the inhabitants of Gloster January 25. 1698  
The inhabitants considering that whereas there  
was an act past at a meeting of the inhabitants  
of the glo. wa. to have but fifty pounds and no more  
to be paid as formerly for his Gallery for this year  
1698 but in this town meeting the mayor said by vote  
of the citizens that there should be twenty pounds more  
added to the fifty pounds which was acted in August 1698  
which is to be paid concerning as it stands upon record  
in the town book  
The town would thus no officers to make the  
view the value hand by order of the general court  
of the town sitting in November 1698 but left it to the select men

3<sup>dy</sup> the inhabitants at a meeting chose a  
Committee of four men viz. Samuel Sargeant Ezekiel  
Collins James Davis and Thomas Briggs to discuss  
with the select men of Newbury or any other whom  
they will shall appoint about the high way between  
Newbury and Gloster and Gloster Comity how full power  
given them by the inhabitants at a meeting to agree  
with our neighbours of Newbury either where the  
way formerly was or at the point called by the  
name of meeting point and if the two Comities cannot  
agree about setting the way in either of these places  
howe words mention of their gloster Comity had full  
power given them at a meeting to present against  
any time as the court shall determine and settle  
what shall be done in and for the high way

4<sup>th</sup> at a meeting the inhabitants chose a Comity  
viz. Lieutenant William Stevens and John Briggs  
collen to meet with the Comity of Newbury  
mencheffer about the high way in Newbury  
where it may be less out to the satisfaction vote  
of the town of manchester and town of Gloster

5<sup>th</sup> at the meeting the inhabitants left it to the  
Comity that was formerly chosen to treat with  
a workman about a new meeting house to view  
the foundations of the house and further the select  
men of the town have power given them at a meeting  
that when the Comity shall have occasion for  
money to carry on and the works of the meeting house  
to assist the inhabitants the sum of eighty pounds

6<sup>th</sup> At a general meeting of the inhabitants of Gloster  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 1699 After oaths being administered  
the select men chosen at a meeting for the year 1699  
Samuel Sargeant John Parsons John Sargeant Will. Stevens  
James Davis and Constable for 99 Thomas Sawyer  
Town Clerk Tho. Briggs and Clerk of market Jasper Collen  
Saw Treasurer James Parsons Surveyors of High ways  
bowens of fence and field divided Joseph Parsons  
Timothy Day John Day Tything men William Has  
bell so John day sho. with them

There was a Comity chose at a meeting viz -  
Samuel Sargeant John Parsons to be for the town -  
and Tho. millot & Tho. Ezekiel Collins for himself  
to settle the bounds of the farms that was formerly  
given to Mr Richard Chymmen but now in the possession  
of the millot and the millot to be and pay all  
charges

ancient made in the meeting hold in Gloster March 1699  
that no unlicensed saw mill or any parson there  
but belonging shall not cut either white pine or  
oak of any sort either into boards plank or split work  
for to transport out of town within four miles of from  
town upon lands upon the parcels of any falling  
& hundred one half to the inferior and the other half  
to the use of the town) and all mill men  
and do dispose out of town or to any that shall want  
cut them out of town more boards than they need  
from the town to cut logs to make the 50 quents of  
boards they have liberty for) on the other side

about a new  
meeting house



From the town to cut shall pay to the use of the town for  
skilling & burning neither shall any fire mill cut or the owners  
of fire mill sell out of town any oak plank upon the penalty of  
four shilling & hundred, this act is to stand during the twelve  
months and not to be altered but at the general all town  
meeting which is according to law to be holden annually in the  
month of may it is further declared in this act that those  
mill whire owners of them have no grant of timber to make use  
of for sawing whire is upon the town & among the town do grant  
unto the owners liberty to cut hemlock and pitie pine and  
upon this condition the owners of fire mill or mill shall  
be bound to saw for any of the inhabitants of the town  
that shall bring white pine logs to saw for any of the inhabit  
in the town and if they refuse to saw for any of the inhabit  
for their use in town for their house nor pitie pine to sell  
mill are not to cut neither hemlock nor pitie pine to sell  
out of town and that the owners or occupants of fire  
business mill shall demand no more for sawing for any  
of the inhabitants they saw for but half so much & hundred  
of the common or of every merchant price is & board at boston  
the fruit and loading and sure charge taken out and  
whoever demands more shall forfeit what is granted to them  
that might be due by this act the remaining of the year  
this act is to stand during the towns pleasure

The act about dead wood is renewed as it was last year  
that is 1698 and likewise for the cutting of bush that was  
in the year 1698 with this addition that whosoever cut down  
wood to sell out of town of the town & among and refuse to  
cut bushes are to pay two shilling & day and if they refuse  
either to cut bushes when they shall be ordered by those men  
that are appointed to do it be performed or to pay two shilling  
for their neglect then by warrant by order of the selectmen  
under the town & law have they are to distress for the  
same Thomas Bray and Eschell Collins is appointed in the  
next meeting to prosecute the breach of these orders

Mr Emerson is to have a quarter part of his salary for the  
year 1699 in money or equivalent to money

the meeting house which is to be now erected and set up  
should be finished with lime and stone

at the meeting the inhabitants gave power to the select  
men to assist the inhabitants to receive money for the  
prosecuting the appeal about the barter ferry or bridge

at the meeting the select men have full power given by  
the inhabitants to make orders or buy land for the  
prudentiall affairs of the town

There being severall things which could not be done at  
the town meeting the 6th of may 28 the meeting was  
adjourned to the next day being the 7th of may 1698  
Joseph Allon Whiston and Leysor to agree with the  
other two let Leysor

it was an act in the next meeting concluded that the select  
men which were chosen by the town and sworn in the place  
of select men in the year 1698 should give an account to  
the town of their proceedings therein

and likewise there was an act past and concluded at the  
meeting for the disposal of lands and what lands may be  
disposed of at this towns meeting to any of the inhabitants  
for money the land being well known where it lyeth and  
quantity of acres it is left to the let Leysor to agree  
for the price of such lands with any party that shall  
have any lands given them at this meeting for money  
and to be with all the other charges for the laying it out  
town to be at no charge and the let Leysor to receive  
what is agreed for in money down at the laying of it out  
and deliver it to the town & answer for the towns use

James Sayward had two acres of swampy ground given  
him according to the traditions of the townart lying between  
the house of triple trees and another meadow having no high  
ways

Charles James had given him six acres of ground at  
the out side of our bounds next to Little pond in low of it  
let that fell to him by lot when the lot was laid out in  
days and if the let Leysor did give him it would not be  
out at the town then the 3d James is to have it land  
Convenient



John Day had given him liberty & one note for which, the said day  
did in 1640 to give to the town in love of this note sixty  
pounds in money giving to the moderate or poor of right  
for the confirmation of the gifts of both land and money  
and the money to be paid down not hindring no high way  
to bring wood to the water side at the easter end of the  
days pond where the way is already made use of and  
at the north west side of the said liberty & one at the end  
of the fifth stone beach to be the bound of the said  
note of land called the Baywell

John Babson had given six acres of ground or there about  
according to the conditions of the town at lying upon  
the water side of the straits mount & one out to a little  
gully that runs into the sea

Samuel Day had given him for money a corner of land  
upon the north side of the way where the inhabitants  
draw their wood and fire things at the house or station  
to draw out of the woods down by good. Some house to his  
own land by the mill this corner of land belongs to his

Ezekiel Day had given him for money 2 acres of swamp  
and adjoining to his own land and left to the lot layers  
to agree for the price and receive the money

William Steboul had given him according to the  
conditions of the town at 2 or 3 acres of ground by  
the side of his land at flat stone & one if it be there  
to be had hindring no high way nor watering place

Thomas wilham had given him about a quarter of an  
acre of ground upon the water side of the beach over  
in the brook to hinder the stream from running  
down to the saw mill of John Row

Joseph Page had given him freely by the inhabitants  
of the town at a meeting half an acre of ground  
to set a house upon near clay & one or at any other  
place where it may be thought better & one or more  
provided he take the care of his mother that she  
do not become a town charge

Ezekiel Collins had given him according to the  
conditions then acted in the town meeting about  
land 2 acres of the rocky ground above his house  
adjoining to his own land hindring no high ways.

Joseph Parsons had given him according to the conditions  
of the town at 2 acres of swampy ground at the  
north end of that ground he bought of the town which  
lyeth by his house

Anthony Day had given him according to the conditions  
then acted in the town meeting an island called by the  
name of Hemlock Island lying near to the ground of  
his son John Day

John Roberts had liberty given him to sell out of  
town three thousand foot of pine boards without  
paying any duties to the town for transportation

Joseph Gardner and Elisha Turney had given them  
between three and four call of land which lyeth  
between the town and the sea according to the conditions of the  
town at to be equally divided betwixt them

James Sawyer William Hasballe and Ezekiel Collins  
were chosen overseers of the poor

- 1<sup>st</sup> It is ordeined by y<sup>e</sup> Solert men of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Geo. that no person shall be observed by y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitant of y<sup>e</sup> Town for the year 1197  
 firstly It is ordeined that all fences both generall and particular be kept  
 countly repaired and made by according to law by the four day of  
 next coming on penalty of Six pence & so forth  
 2<sup>dy</sup> It is ordeined that all hawke kind shall be put of from y<sup>e</sup> Town  
 by y<sup>e</sup> first day of apriill next coming except such as are kept for y<sup>e</sup>  
 side or other end those that are kept for y<sup>e</sup> service to be sufficiently  
 galled by the last day of apriill and so to be kept referred to the  
 best of october on y<sup>e</sup> penalty of Six pence per head so often as they  
 shall be found contrary to this ordein and impounded by y<sup>e</sup> first  
 driver and no stand horses to go on the commons on the penalty of y<sup>e</sup>  
 law of the country  
 3<sup>dy</sup> It is ordeined yt all dry & attle above one year old shall be put  
 of from the Town commons by y<sup>e</sup> first day of may on penalty of Six pence  
 head so often as they shall be impounded by the first driver within  
 one to be put of from the Town commons by y<sup>e</sup> last of may except it be  
 the reason point on penalty of Six pence & so often as they shall be  
 impounded by the first driver when taken upon any other part of  
 the Town commons  
 4<sup>th</sup> It is ordeined that all swine of a bone one year old upon complaint  
 of damage done either in Town meadow or pasture land shall be  
 countly yoked and ringed and smaler pig upon complaint of damage  
 done to be yoked or kept up upon penalty of Six pence & so often  
 as they may be taken upon y<sup>e</sup> commons by the first driver contrary  
 to this ordein and impounded  
 5<sup>th</sup> It is ordeined that all sheep shall goe before a ship and from y<sup>e</sup>  
 middle of apriill to the last of September in wale a ship and so  
 to keep the sheep  
 6<sup>th</sup> It is ordeined that all thieves shall be put from the Town by y<sup>e</sup>  
 2<sup>nd</sup> week day of July cannot to be put to y<sup>e</sup> law against until y<sup>e</sup>  
 fourth day of november and in case any rane or rane shall be found  
 upon the commons amonge the Town contrary to this ordein y<sup>e</sup>  
 owner shall pay five shillings to him or them that shall take  
 them up and in case no owners appears after Six days  
 publication in writing upon y<sup>e</sup> tree by our morninghouse witz  
 a description of y<sup>e</sup> marks of y<sup>e</sup> rane or rane six rane or rane  
 shall be sought into him or them yt doe so take him or  
 them up  
 7<sup>th</sup> It is ordeined yt no hawke kind nor dry & attle except halibut  
 shall be put upon bisset Island on penalty of Six pence & so often  
 as they shall be found upon y<sup>e</sup> Island on the commons  
 saving into Humphrey Woodry liberty to keep one hawke kind  
 on y<sup>e</sup> Island  
 8<sup>th</sup> It is ordeined yt all persons or persons yt have fenced  
 in and impounded any of y<sup>e</sup> Town land belonging to this Town  
 without leave shall forthwith make their declaration to y<sup>e</sup>  
 Solert men of this Town for or more orderly proceeding in  
 y<sup>e</sup> matter or els may expect to be proceed witz of offenders  
 9<sup>th</sup> It is ordeined yt no person or persons shall cut any grass  
 that is or grass upon the Town bank before y<sup>e</sup> twenty  
 second day of August upon the penalty of Twenty shilling  
 & day or parts of a day and it is further ordeined yt no  
 Inhabitant yt is a free holder shall cut or take by any  
 theutis or grass on y<sup>e</sup> Town bank by night on the penalty  
 of Twenty shilling & it is further ordeined yt no free holder or  
 other Inhabitant shall impound above one sixe at a time  
 of August on the penalty of Twenty shilling  
 10<sup>th</sup> It is ordeined that no person yt is not possessed in common  
 shall have any privilege to cut any that is or grass  
 on the Town bank without leave from the Solert men upon  
 the penalty of Twenty shilling  
 11<sup>th</sup> It is ordeined that the Town commons shall be kept as park of a  
 good harrow to seeders run and from the river to the mill  
 fulling mill on y<sup>e</sup> western side of this line and the north of  
 land on the western side of the mill river  
 12<sup>th</sup> It is ordeined that for every person & namely day  
 of the year shall be the men to present y<sup>e</sup> breach  
 of the law a bond written the one half of the  
 to be for the use of y<sup>e</sup> Town and the other half  
 neglect or refuse to present y<sup>e</sup> breach of y<sup>e</sup> above  
 written ordens they shall pay 4<sup>th</sup> weekly shillings  
 each man yt shall so neglect to the Solert men  
 for the use of y<sup>e</sup> Town

(William Stobart)  
 (John Sargum)  
 (John parsons) Solert  
 (James davis) men



At a town meeting in Gloucester May 20 25<sup>th</sup> 1699  
about a Schoolmaster Thos James Davis was chosen  
moderator the first vote was whether they would  
choose a schoolmaster or no and the vote carried it to  
choose one  
2<sup>ly</sup> Thomas Biggs town was chosen Schoolmaster by vote  
in the meeting and the said Biggs was to have  
one shilling six pence a day during the term of his  
service and the said Biggs liking to carry it on  
3<sup>ly</sup> the select men had full power given to them at  
the meeting to send water cisterns to the Lin doctor James  
Liber of to be covered of his lemons if the said Libber  
does think he can serve him

At a town meeting of the Inhabitants of the  
town of 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1699 for to  
choose Jurors will: huskell for for grand jury  
francis Norwood juror and Ezekiel day for the jury  
of trials

2<sup>ly</sup> The committee that was chosen by the town  
to manage in the town behalf the building of  
the new meeting house gave notice in the  
meeting that there wanted sixty pounds to make  
up money and the inhabitants then convened  
of the town and gave the select men  
any rate by way of assessment for the present  
for that end  
3<sup>ly</sup> it was voted that William Butlaw son of  
liberty given to him of the townships of Newbury had  
and carry home for his own burning some  
of the old wood that is already down upon our  
commons to the quantity of fifteen cords and  
not to cut any more down that is standing and  
to cut the wood next to the house bounds to  
the southward of Nathaniel's house

At a town meeting held in Gloucester  
march 20 first day 1699 (1700) William Stevens moderator  
town officers being chosen at the meeting for to  
serve in the year 1699 in their respective places  
John day was chosen Constable

select men  
John Sergeant Justice Joseph Allin Benjamin  
huskell Samuel Sergeant Thomas Biggs &c.

Town Treasurer James parson

Surveyors of high ways and bowers of fences  
Edward Lawrence Morris Smith Ezekiel Collins  
Timothy day &c. & thing men is Tho: millot Jr  
Ezekiel Collins James Surveyor

The town clerk is Thomas Biggs for  
clerk of the market Joseph Allin

Barber and tallow is John Davis  
the town these two next layers and one of them yet  
was in before lieutenant Will: Stevens Ezekiel Collins  
and Thomas Biggs &c.

It was left to the committee it was appointed  
for to agree about the meeting house with the select  
men and the select men to consider and decide  
where the meeting house shall be raised whether  
upon the west side of the old meeting house or on  
the southward side

The inhabitants at the meeting gave full power to  
the select men of the town to assist the Inhabitants  
to the value of one hundred and sixty pounds or  
there about for to defray the charge concerning  
the meeting house and to be sent into two lists as  
the workman is to be paid if a petition be sent  
must to be raised for it &c.

money raised to pay the  
expense of meeting house

29) The select men had full power given them at so meeting  
to make orders and by laws as formerly -

The cutting of ~~the~~ wood was renewed in those places  
that is not prohibited by the act of the town and  
and every house holder hath liberty to cut twenty  
cords of wood for this year 1700

It is likewise enacted by the inhabitant at so meeting  
that all men upwards of the age of twenty one years  
shall be bound this year to cut at least one day upon  
the town commons either by themselves or by another suf-  
-ficient man and for neglect thereof being legally warned  
by those men that are appointed by the town to see  
it be performed shall pay for their neglect 25. 68  
day to be recovered by warrant of distress from the  
town & paid by order of the select men and for those  
those men who are appointed by the town namely  
conforming to the wood that none do transgress the former  
orders made by the town and all the cutting of bushes  
this present year do neglect their duty in not giving  
notice shall pay 10 s. a day for their neglect to be  
recovered as aforesaid

Mr John Emerson minister is to have a quarter part  
of his salary this year in money or equivalent to  
money

That if any man belonging to the town shall kill  
any wolf within the bounds of this town this year  
1700 shall have twenty shillings paid by the  
town to appear upon the towns account for every  
beast that shall be so killed by any of our inhabi-

Land disposed of at the town meeting held the first day  
of march 1699-700 and to whom and the let passed  
was suspended at so meeting for to lay it out to those  
that had any land granted for money and to agree  
for the price of the land in the towns behalf with  
those men that had any land granted at so meeting  
and the town to be out no charge concerning it and  
what money is recovered for any land granted  
at this meeting is to be returned to the town treasurer

William Haskell Junior the land that fell within  
the bounds that was returned to the town meeting with  
the neighbours hands to it that was given to the so Haskell  
and for land that he left out and land down to the  
common of his own land and as follows beginning  
at a great rock lying to the John Driggs land on the  
Southwest and from so to rock to a white oak stump  
on the Southeast and from thence to a white oak  
stump on the Northeast and from thence to a white  
stump on the South side of the John Driggs  
South corner bounds and from thence leaving of  
sufficient drift way to the springs on the Northeast  
side of the J. Haskell house this was considered of  
by those neighbours whose hands was to the writing  
was in this town meeting bearing date march 11<sup>th</sup> 1698  
Joseph Haskell John Driggs Louisamin Haskell John Driggs  
Driggs John Driggs Joseph Haskell Junior

Jacob Elwell did exchange with the town  
half an acre of ground which half acre of ground  
was given to him by the town by the place called  
Dunthorpe Island and he leased this half acre of ground  
down to the town common again for half an acre  
of ground by said month by said John Driggs  
no high way nor watering place



given to Simon Davis according to the attestation  
upon for money one acre of land to set a road  
upon; before the east side of the long bridge called  
the Kent bridge before the Southwest side of the way  
hindring no high way nor watering place and  
the wood that is before the said land is reserved for  
the towns use and likewise the timber

Thomas Day so had given him for money twenty  
or thirty rods of ground where is frame is set up —

Samuel Sargeant had given him five rods of

ground by his own ground to set his house upon

Robert Elwell hath granted to him half an acre  
of ground by his house where his mother Elwell lived  
in exchange for half an acre of ground that  
was granted to his grand father Robert Elwell at  
Little Good Harbour the 18 of ii mo 1672 by the  
William Browns marsh that was formerly

John Sargeant hath granted to him for money  
about six acres of ground off the head of his  
lots by Little Good or Harlot Little marsh hinder  
ing no high way nor watering place

Thomas Sawyer had granted him for money  
two acres of ground by his other land by the  
great hill of voles hindring no high way

Joseph Day did exchange with the town  
the land the town gave him about the  
head of good town for so much land by Hamblet  
Island

Taken up and impounded by Joseph Foster Junr.  
and others, a Black yearling heifer, marked with  
a cross in the left ear and spotted with natural  
white spots — and a Warrant to appraise said

Heifer, ~~was~~ at the request of Messrs Joseph Foster  
Jr Henry Phelps, was given to Messrs Isaac Proctor  
Jr Eliazah Foster — Gloucester July 4<sup>th</sup> 1799 —

by J. Rogers. T. Clark

Gloucester July 7<sup>th</sup> 1804 —

Capt David Low, in Behalf of his Nephew  
Edward Low, enters a Stray Steer — of a dark  
Red color, with a hole in the left ear, and a  
half penny under the same. Supposed to  
be a year old last Spring.

Ordens made by ye select men of the town of gloucester 1700  
31) to be observed by ye inhabitants of the town for the year 1700

Imprimis it is ordered that all fences both general and particular be made sufficient according to law by the first tenth day of April next ensuing on penalty of six pence & costs or more  
2ly it is ordered that all hay and straw shall be put from the town and by the first day of April next coming except such as are kept for the seed or for the use of those that are kept for the seed to be sufficiently foddered by the first day of April and so to be kept till the first of October on penalty of six pence & costs or more so often as they shall be found contrary to this order and impounded by the field drivers and no horse or horse to go upon the commons on the penalty of the law of the country

3ly it is ordered that all dry cattle above one year old shall be put from the town and commons by the first day of May on penalty of six pence & costs or more so often as they shall be found contrary to this order and impounded by the field drivers and taken upon any other place of the town and commons

4ly it is ordered that all swine of above one year old upon complaint of damage done either to corn or pasture or to the land shall be sufficiently yoked and ringed and small pigs upon complaint of damage done to be yoked or kept by upon penalty of six pence & costs or more so often as they may be taken upon the commons by the field drivers contrary to this order and impounded

5ly it is ordered that all sheep shall go before a horse or from the middle of April to the first of September in each ship and so to appear to keep the sheep

6ly it is ordered that all the rams shall be put from the town by the twentieth day of July and not to be put to the end of ram or rams shall be found upon the commons amongst the ewes contrary to this order the owner shall pay five shillings to him or them if shall take them up and in case no owner appear after six days publication in writing upon the two by our meeting house with the description of the marks of the ram or rams such ram or rams shall be forfeited unto him or them that do take them up or them by

7ly it is ordered that no hawk nor any other bird of prey shall be put upon the town on penalty of six pence & costs or more so often as they shall be found upon the commons saving humphrey woodcock and one hawk

8ly it is ordered that all persons that have found in and impounded any of the town lands belonging to this town without leave shall forthwith make their application to the select men of this town for more orderly proceeding in the matter or else may expect to be proceeded with as offenders

9ly it is ordered that no person or persons shall cut any grass or thicket upon the town lands before the twenty first day of August upon the penalty of twenty shillings & costs or more so often as they shall be found contrary to this order and impounded by night on the penalty of above to and it is further ordered that no freeholder or other inhabitant shall amuse about one side of a time neither directly nor indirectly until the twenty eighth day of August

10ly it is ordered that no person that is not possessed in common right shall have any privilege to cut any thicket or grass on the town lands without leave from the select men upon the penalty of twenty shillings & costs or more of a tide

11ly it is ordered that the town and commons shall be free from little goodenham to Saddingham and from there to the John Goodenham mill on the western side of this line and so north of town land on the western side of the mill river

12ly it is ordered that whosoever shall build or build of timber and building of houses with impounded timber or timber used in it, it is ordered that such person or persons shall be liable to be prosecuted to the town and that person or persons and appointed one fully empowered to demand security of all persons building of houses or building timber upon the town and commons contrary to the town orders and if any person shall neglect to pay those duties due by any statute or gift or to give security to the town appointed herein to prosecute in behalf of the town then the town shall have full power to seize all such timber or masts or vessels built or building on the town and keep the same for the town use until the select men shall be satisfied for the same

From our to the other side



13<sup>th</sup> It is ordered that Thomas Witgam John Bray and William Ding shall be the men to prosecute the breach of these ordais Excepting the ordais that Juliano Joseph Allin and Ezekial Collins is to prevent about written the one half of 10 penalty to be for their own use and the other half to be for the use of the town and in case these men shall neglect or refuse to prosecute said breach of D about written ordais they shall pay twenty shilling each man whith shall be neglected for the use of the town

John Sergeant      Solt  
Joseph Allin      men  
Samuel Sergeant  
Benjamin Hassell  
Sho: Briggs

At a town meeting in Gloucester may the 6<sup>th</sup> day 1700  
the first vote was to choose a moderator for the meeting  
Thomas James parson was chosen moderator for the meeting  
2<sup>ly</sup> Thomas Briggs for was chosen representative for  
the town to go to the general Court of Election to give  
for and represent them according as the precept doth  
make mention  
3<sup>ly</sup> the Solt men had power given them by vote  
at the meeting by the Inhabitants to provide bills and  
to drink for as many men as the Solt men  
shall think convenient for the raising of 10<sup>th</sup>  
meeting house upon the town account

At a meeting of 10 Inhabitants of Glo. June 1<sup>st</sup> 1700  
for to choose Jurors for the Court of Common Pleas  
held at Salem last Tuesday of June 1700  
the men were Francis Norwood Sr. and Isaac Gublete  
and at the above meeting were chosen  
Joseph Allin John Davis and Ezekial Collins and  
the said three men are fully Impowered to  
present the breach of all towns ordais or  
acts made and to be made respecting timber  
of all sorts and to agree with Delinquents  
upon that account and one half of the  
penalty to be to the use of the town  
and the other half or more to be to those  
that prosecute the breach of the said ordais  
and acts as well make for vessels and all  
other sorts of timber and to seize the said  
make and timber that may be found out  
contrary to the town act and keep the same  
on the towns account untill the town  
shall see cause to dispose of the same  
these three men to have power untill the  
expiration of this present year and till others  
shall be chosen upon that account

At a town meeting held in Gloucester 24<sup>th</sup> day January  
Jacob Davis and James Garwood were granted  
six acres of swamp lying between the house of the  
little river and Bray's land above the mill race and to  
improve it in two years time or els they lose the  
grant This grant was never lost after in this year  
1711 that Jacob Davis did lose after it and with  
found the paper which was written in my shop at  
the meeting by me Thomas Briggs who was town  
clerk then

33) At a meeting of ye free holders and other inhabitants of  
Glastonbury October 21<sup>st</sup> 1700 for to chuse Jurors for to serve  
at the Superior Courts to be holden at Salem November 12<sup>th</sup>  
the men that was chosen to serve at sd Courts about sd  
our Benjamin Hasbrell to serve upon the grand jury  
and Samuel York William King Stephen How to serve  
upon the jury of tryalls at sd Courts about specified

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Glastonbury September 26<sup>th</sup> 1700  
Captain James Davis moderator

1<sup>st</sup>ly was that room shall be left for pews in the meet-  
ing house where it may conveniently be at the  
discretion of the Carpenter and the Comity that  
shall be appointed Benjamin Hasbrell John Pearson  
and Samuel Sergeant were to order the same with  
said Carpenter

2<sup>ly</sup> that the draught of seats to be built in the  
new meeting house should be after the form of  
three front seats as was showed in ye meeting house  
at the above said meeting

3<sup>ly</sup> Benjamin Hasbrell John Pearson and Samuel Sergeant  
had power given them at sd meeting to grant  
liberty to erect pews in the vacant rooms in  
the meeting house to those that will build pews

4<sup>ly</sup> it was voted at sd meeting that the women  
seats should be built in the East side of the  
sd meeting house

5<sup>ly</sup> it was voted that the women shall be seated  
in the East gallery and so far as the first part  
along the South side of sd house

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Glastonbury December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Day 1700 Deacon James Pearson moderator for the choosing  
of Jurors for Salem Courts the grand jury men for the  
year ending and the two men for to serve on the jury  
of tryalls at this next Court to be holden at Salem  
next day of this instant December John Grey to serve  
on the grand jury and William Davis and Samuel Stebens  
to serve on the jury of tryalls

1<sup>st</sup>ly it was ordered as in January next is a vote upon in sd meeting  
Sept. a day of humiliation

2<sup>ly</sup> the select men had full power given them at sd meeting to  
lend a sum or rate upon the inhabitants of seven or eight  
pounds in money to defray the demand of the Indians for  
and about the land of our townships

3<sup>ly</sup> Leut. William Stebens and Justice Joseph Calkin and the men  
chose and deputies by the inhabitants at sd meeting to  
manage and make a full conclusion about our townships  
with those Indians that have land claim to the land of  
our townships

4<sup>ly</sup> there was a Comity chose at sd meeting of  
seven men for to seat the people in the new meeting  
house the names are as followeth  
Deacon Hasbrell Deacon Pearson Capt. James Davis  
Leut. William Stebens Nathaniel Coite Edward Lawrence  
Thomas Riggs &c

5<sup>ly</sup> there was granted to the overseers of the poor  
for to be for the release of sd Joseph Miller  
from or before the end of sd week upon the prohibited  
ground by fresh water and for to sell either in town  
or out of town for the sd Miller before the sd Miller  
hanging but most of it before sd meeting

6<sup>ly</sup> that whether any parcell of land given to  
any to build an house upon or lot or erect an  
any house but parcell of land shall carry a common  
right with it or no the proposition or question  
is referred to be decided at the next general  
town meeting annually to be in May

Respecting who shall be considered common



owne meeting Legally warned according to  
the year 1700-1 for the same day proving to be  
stormy weather the Inhabitant for all met together  
and by reason of the weather adjourning the meeting  
to the second day of the same month of February and  
not bringing things to chuse for what the meeting  
was appointed for viz for the town to come together  
to consider about the calling of some minister to  
preach the word of God amongst us the meeting was  
adjourned to the fourth day of the same month of  
February and that day there was assembling  
being concuring with the voice of the Church  
for the calling of Mr filie

2ly Let William Stebens James Sayward and John Sargent  
these three men were chosen att to meeting to treat  
with Mr filie; and likewise to advise with the  
neighbouring Elders and the president of the  
College

3ly it was agreed upon by the Inhabitants att  
to meeting and by affirming the voice there should  
be lent some viz some of the town some lands to  
raise money to pay what charges the town is  
incurred for and about the purchasing of the  
townships of Samuell English Indian

4ly the Let Layard was appointed a comity and  
chosen att to meeting to treat with any of ye  
common lands and to bring the report of it both  
for plate quantity and price to the next town  
meeting

5ly the Inhabitants att to town meeting gave the  
select men full power to assist the Inhabitants  
to a towns vote to pay the towns debt to the  
sum of Twelve pounds in money

6ly Concerning ye old wood that been fallen on the Eastern  
pointe some of it lyed now down and some is cut off we desire  
that there may be some or two chosen to view what  
is cut and what left on cut and if they think that ye  
old wood which is already fallen will not be made use  
of by the Inhabitants but will ly and spoile then we  
desire these men may have the liberty to order what  
of it may be sold out of town and remove what  
may be far so Inhabitants use from being carried away  
providingly which but the wood shall be obliged to  
satisfy the men for there pain and no matter of  
any vessel shall take on board his vessel any of  
this old wood untill one or more the men chosen for  
ye service doth give under his or their hands that he  
or they have bowed the wood att the water side  
upon the equally of ten shillings and paid for  
any that shall transgress this act

7ly many of the Inhabitants belonging to the harbour  
being very sorrowful of the great damage was and like  
to come under by reason of so much wood being fallen  
of late years upon the Eastern pointe att such distance  
from our usual place of cutting of our firewood that  
it hath not been cut up for our own burning but has  
been sent out of town or else left alone to ly and rot  
for the preventing of any further damage upon that  
clearest wood we desire our neighbours and friends to make  
make an order that no tree of a bene five inches  
through excepting pine hemlock and Spruce that shall  
be fallen upon any parts of that neck by any  
person whatsoever upon the penalty of five shillings  
A tree except he or they will sell them do within  
the space of four months after cut them up for  
their own or their neighbours use to be improved  
in the town of Gloucester and any person after the  
cutting of the trees fallen by them are bound  
within the space of four months after the falling  
of the trees to haul them, & rest in the

35/ them home or to some convenient place  
upon the penalty of three shillings & 6d  
the town meeting is out this money to be recovered  
by the town treasurer one half to the <sup>treasurer</sup> and  
the other half to the use of the town  
§ These two acts that concerning the old wood  
that is already down and what other wood  
that shall be cut down upon the eastern point  
is to stand good during the towns pleasure  
by first William Stibbs and James Sayward are  
the two men appointed by the town and they  
shall be town meeting to look after those that  
shall transgress either by cutting of wood  
wood or felling of other wood contrary to the  
two acts concerning the eastern point

At a towns meeting held in Gloucester being the general  
town meeting for the choosing of all town officers for  
the year 1701 this town meeting was held in  
Gloucester market the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> days 1700-1701

The select men was Wm. Stibbs, James Sayward, Samuel Sergeant and Tho. Biggs so  
James Millett Junr was chosen constable for ye year 1701  
Thomas Biggs so was chosen town clerk

James Parsons was chosen town treasurer  
Insign Iselye, Collin was chosen clerk of ye market

Surveyors of high ways and roads of fencibles  
is Edward Harwood, Benjamin Haslett, Morris Smith & Zephiah =  
= Hollings

Sergeant John Davis was chosen Duffer & parker

By thingmen that was chosen at ye meeting

Timothy Day, Joseph Parsons, Morris Smith

Joseph Haslett, Jnr

Haywards and Fiddrivers

Thomas Day, Thomas Sawyer, James Davis for  
the select men had power given and granted by the  
town at the above said meeting to make orders and  
by laws for the prudentiall affairs of the town  
for this year ensuing 1701

All the towns officers above mentioned whic was  
chosen at the general town meeting held in March 1701  
was sworn respectively to their severall offices  
before and by the select men ye 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1701

And it was voted that that every household that  
has publick charges to shewing and fencibles hea  
Liberty granted at the above said town meeting to cut  
timber or twelve cords of good wood in the places that  
is allowed of by the town to cut good wood in to sell  
out of ye town and no where else and those that cut more  
than the town hath allowed of above shall pay the  
penalty of ten shillings according to former order of  
the town all former grants about good wood to be null  
and void it was further concluded on in this meeting  
whenever make improvement of their grant concerning  
good wood shall before they cut any good wood to sell out of  
town shall give a receipt thereof to the select men  
of the town of these doings and that none shall sell  
or give their privilege to any person not dwelling  
in this town of Gloucester on the above said penalty of  
ten shillings & 6d and the men that was  
appointed at ye meeting by virtue hereof to look  
after those that do transgress this order concerning  
good wood is Wm. Haslett, Samuel Sergeant, James  
Parsons, John Parsons



was voted that the select men had power given them to satisfy  
the town's desires in behalf of the town for his service in 40 shillings  
of a treasurer for the time past —

It was voted yt all men above the age of 21 years shall put in  
his own day's wages by the last day of this present meeting, upon  
penalty of 2s 6d day upon notice given by the overseers and all  
that penalty to be paid by all those persons that do neglect their  
duty being warned by the overseers to be recovered by the overseers for  
the towns use or by the town treasurer by information and  
two witnesses Benjamin Haskell John Sargeant John Davis James Davis  
Ezekiel Collins  
these men were chosen overseers for the cutting of bushes for this  
year

The lot layers was chosen a committee to dispose of what  
land may be conveniently secured for the work of it with  
the knowledge and consent of the near neighbours where the  
two towns doth dispose of it

Samuel Davis hath a common right given him to the house  
right belongs to go to house already

Samuel York hath a common right given him in case he  
hath not one already not to sell it to any out of the town  
unless he sells his house and land along with it

It was voted that the town meeting should be adjourned  
to eight of the clock in the morning the next day being  
the first day of may 1700-101

Samuel Sargeant had four acres of land adjoining to his  
own land where his house stands beyond hogbin pond upon  
two north west side of the way upon condition of paying  
for it as the committee and he can agree where is agreed  
to dispose of lands for the town

granted to Mr. William Stobers Jul. Joseph Allen John Parsons  
and the rest of the selectmen concerned in the purchase  
the privileges of the land where his warehouse stands  
and a rod or two more if they need occasion for it

Benjamin Haskell Samuel Sargeant John Parsons were ap-  
pointed to take down the glass of the old meeting house and to  
dispose of it to the best advantage for the towns use —

It was voted in the town meeting that no land granted in  
Hartford and for wards shall have any common right  
except it be included in the settlement grant

Andrew Robinson had one acre of land granted to  
him according to the condition as all lands were —  
granted at the meeting between town Smith and his father  
house between the two ways having no high way near  
watering place

James Sayward had granted to him about one acre  
of land on the south side of his own land on the con-  
dition that the town hath already voted paying for it  
as the committee shall agree for

Ezekiel Day had granted him at the meeting about 2 acres  
of land by his barn

Nathaniel Parsons had a common right given to him at the meeting  
having not one already but not to sell the common right nor  
dispose of to any of another town

James Elwell had given unto him six or eight rods of ground  
by his meadow to set about upon provided he build a house  
thereon within two years time after this town meeting where  
it may be conveniently placed with the consent of the next  
board upon the former condition of paying for it

Benjamin Leno and Nathaniel Day two or three acres of swamp  
lying in the woods about three houses with the consent of  
the neighbours

John Davis had granted him about one acre of swamp and  
valley ground at the head of his other ground the wood thereon  
prohibited

Ezekiel Collins had granted unto him one or two acres  
of better ground near house next hill to be saved by the  
neighbours and the wood upon it is reserved for the use of the  
town

Francis Norwood had a common right granted him and he is  
to sell it to any out of this town along the other side

371 John Dobson had granted him half an acre of land  
where it may be judged convenient by James Gensons John  
Dobson and the rest of the neighbours  
this record is void  
Arnon Davis had six acres of land granted him adjoining to the land  
that was granted to Thomas Longin first and mark Hasckell provided  
that if ever Arnon Davis he or any of his successors shall lay any  
claim to the former grant of one acre of land given and granted  
to him for many at the town meeting held in May 28th 1699  
that then this grant of six acres of ground to be void and of none  
effect at wholly and as fully as if it had never been at all written  
Peter Sargants offence about wood was forgiven this entry is true  
Sharon Row had about 8 or 10 less given him whine and already  
fallen and in a growing condition to make boards of  
John Smith had granted him one acre of land between goose  
steeple and Joseph Pears there land if the next neighbours and  
the 10 Smiths can agree about it adding to the favor of all  
the former grants this year  
Nathaniel when John David Shown Thomas Dicks he  
had liberty given them to cut up the old wood that is already  
fallen into and wood that is about the fresh meadows of timber  
Some but not to cut any green trees down to transport out  
of town  
Arnon Davis William Hasckell had granted unto him that land  
whine he had hired formerly of the town in case the  
neighbours and he agree about it and the Comitty and how  
about the price of it  
John Day had granted about half an acre of ground or greater  
of an acre adjoining to his own land with the consent of the  
neighbours and the Comitty and he giving for the price and payment  
It was agreed upon at the generall town meeting  
held in Gloucester May the 4th and 5th days that all lands  
granted in this meeting shall be paid for at what price  
the Comitty and the purchaser shall agree for and the  
surveyor to be at all the charges about it  
Arnon Davis had liberty given him to the 6 acres of land  
white was given to Thomas Pears living for six acres granted  
by the town to Thomas Pears for the neighbours to know where it can be  
conveniently to be laid out

At a town meeting held in Gloucester April 30th day 1701  
for to elect representatives for the year 1701 and four jury  
men to serve at the Superior Court to be holden at  
Freetown in May 20th 1701 Capt James Davis being moderator at  
meeting Capt James Davis was chosen moderator and  
to serve in the great and generall court for the year 1701  
Thomas Briggs was chosen to serve on the grand jury  
Thomas Bray John Gingo and John Parsons to serve on  
the jury of trials these four men to serve at the  
next Superior Court to be holden at Freetown May 20th 1701



The first boite was concerning saying with the Church  
for to stand in filie to com to us againe for further agree-  
ment in order to a settlement with us and the boite was by  
votours and those that did agree with the Church to write  
there names with the Church and those that did not agree with  
the Church to write there names with the word negative  
It was voted by a strongline boite that those that did boite with  
the Church to put there boites alonge with the boites of the boites  
with the Church into a hat by themselves and those that  
were on the negative party to put there boites into another  
hat by themselves and it was acted according by

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Samuel Sargant John Davis and Tho. Briggs was chosen at  
D meeting and the most boite was with the Church for to send  
to D meeting by acconity

4<sup>th</sup>ly It was boited that the Select men should be the Comitty  
to send to D meeting and to declare unto him the Church  
and towns mind for further agreement with him in  
order to a settlement with us

5<sup>th</sup>ly it was boited upon the offering that the D Comitty  
should take care that the works of the Sabbath be  
carried on by some minister amongst us untill such time  
as the Comitty and town shall have an answer from D  
filing of his coming to us or not

John Hamons his petition was answered at the next town  
meeting which was ye 8<sup>th</sup> day of aprell 1701 and he had given him  
for myne half an acre of ground upon the north west side  
of the way that is between the house of the Rev. James or  
any other place where the neighbours and let lay out may  
think convenient hindring no high way nor wadding there  
Nathaniel miller which put in a petition at the general  
town meeting held may 1<sup>st</sup> 1701 about an acre of ground  
at Little Duns and at the town meeting held April 28<sup>th</sup> 1701  
it was left to the let layors and Joseph Allen and John Sargant  
for to see it and to act conforming it in the behalf of this town  
for the work of the wood and timber that may be going  
upon it and what quantity of land may be spared there to  
be reserved unto the D Nathaniel miller and to give some to  
the D land may not be alienated out of the hands of the  
miller as long as there is any of them surviving

William Stobbs had granted to him about halfe an acre of  
ground off the eastern point which ground is within his farm  
already for the work of it in money

It was left to those three men which was the Comitty  
for the ordering of the building of the new meeting house for  
to dispose of the old meeting house in behalf of this town  
for the towns use to the best advantage except what does  
belong to particular men about the seats and galleries  
further it is left to the same Comitty to order the  
vacancy of the meeting house to fill it by as they see  
convenient

James Emerson had the liberty granted that the towns  
should stand this year with did some in some of the towns  
common lands by the hand of Jacob Davis which he does now  
have and at the year end to take away the fence that  
the land may lay to the town common against  
June 16<sup>th</sup> 1701 James Emerson had liberty of the Select men to four in  
a year upon the south side of the brook against the house where  
he lives for to sow turneps and when the turneps are gathered  
to lay it down againe this is granted only for this present  
year

3<sup>rd</sup> day November 1701

At a meeting of the inhabitants for the settling of  
a jury men to serve at the Superior Court to be held on the  
Sabbath in the month of October and Benjamin Smith  
was chosen to serve on the grand jury  
and the Rev. Mr. and Samuel New to serve on the jury  
of trials

39) At a town meeting held in Gloucester July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1701  
for to hear the proposals wherby Mr. J. Fitch  
did send to the town of Gloucester the inhabitants  
being assembled together in answer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting  
his proposals.

1<sup>st</sup> for the two first years the town will promise  
him to allow Mr. Fitch 70<sup>th</sup> £ annuum an year  
for his salary and after the two first years to allow  
him 20 pound annuum for year so long as the  
said Mr. Fitch shall do duty for any and the work  
of the ministry and the contribution money to be for  
the use of the town and there own depending  
for this was concluded and granted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting  
2<sup>dy</sup> it was put to vote At the About 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting  
that the town will build or convenient house  
and conveniences for the ministry unless the  
town and Mr. Fitch do come to any other  
agreement and there was agreement put on yet  
after writing to this purpose.

3<sup>dy</sup> Mr. William Stebens Samuel Sargent and  
James Dyer so was chosen at the meeting of  
the town to treat with Mr. Fitch about  
those terms that was made conforming with  
the salary for Mr. Fitch for the first two years and  
afterwards and conforming his settlement if  
he please to come and settle amongst us.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> town meeting held in Gloucester July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1701  
the town being chosen at the meeting of three men  
viz: William Stebens James Sargent and Samuel  
Sargent to discourse with Mr. Fitch conforming  
what the inhabitants would be obliged to  
do if Mr. Fitch did settle amongst us and to order  
after as teacher of the church the town would  
allow unto Mr. Fitch six pounds a year after ordina-  
tion for to provide himself fire wood and his family.

2<sup>dy</sup> That if Mr. Fitch do provide a settlement for  
himself the inhabitants will be engaged to allow  
unto Mr. Fitch the summe of one hundred and  
40 punds in two years time after ordina-  
tion and settlement.

3<sup>dy</sup> That in case the inhabitants of Gloucester  
do provide a house for the ministry with other  
conveniences belonging thereto and Mr. Fitch  
do not incline to settle himself then it is to  
be understood that if Mr. Fitch do settle  
and do amongst us in the work of the ministry  
during all his dooers a wife behind him  
in convenient time after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Fitch his  
widdow the town will allow unto the  
widdow of Mr. Fitch the summe of  
sixty pounds for dowry for her self and  
children then during all Mr. Fitch his dooers.

4<sup>thly</sup> That in case the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Fitch do settle  
at what the town hath hear about Enactment for  
his settlement then the town gave the select men  
full power in the meeting to assess the inhabitants  
of the town every man his proportion to the value  
of seventy pounds a year for more or less time  
till ordination of Mr. Fitch and the time of making  
this assessment from the time Mr. Fitch gives his  
answer to the town and will settle amongst us  
and those that do contribute on the Sabbath day  
for the ministry to give a just estimate of what  
they give to the town twofold that so it may be  
out sett in each mans proportion that gives of  
what he shall be assessed and the town treasurer is  
fully empowered together to raise having awarded unto  
the hands of the select men as is customary in other  
town rates.









At a town meeting held in glo: for the choosing of  
41 by men for Salem Court ye 22<sup>d</sup> day of December 1701  
Jas: James Davis was chosen moderator for the meeting  
42 John Joseph Allin and James Sargant were chosen to  
serve on the grand jury and George [unclear] to serve  
on the jury of trials  
By it was left to the select men of the town  
to draw by competition to send to the quarterly  
sessions at Salem about the towns being short  
for want of a school master

At a meeting of the inhabitants of  
glocester January ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1702 John Joseph  
Allin was chosen moderator for the meeting  
James Davis for w<sup>as</sup> chosen and Deputie an  
Assistant at the meeting in the towns behalf  
to represent the town before his majesties  
Justices of ye Peace to be assembled in court  
by adjournment ye 18<sup>th</sup> day of this instant  
January to enquire what shall be exhibited  
against them the town being presented for not  
keeping a school master as the law directeth  
By the select men was empowered at the meeting  
to make and send proposition to the generall court  
concerning a school master the town is presented  
for want of it there be any citation for one  
By the townsmen the select men power  
at the meeting to procure if they should one  
or two gentlemen of the Council to shew  
to the town and how and how the town  
was circumstanced in reference to the keep-  
ing of a school

The next thing that was debated in the meeting  
was to have the approbation of the neighbouring  
towns and which seems to the towns to be  
of the other hand was read in the town meeting  
after much debate in the meeting the inhabi-  
tants did agree concerning in Joseph Smith  
his coming amongst us to visit by prayer  
and John Sargeant Samuel Sargeant and John  
Dugger being chosen and Deputie at the meeting  
by the inhabitants to tell the will there was  
thirty five for it being and eighteen  
against his coming

The next thing that the town voted was for them  
voluntarily to write to Mr. Smith and left him  
understand their proceedings with the towns  
and likewise the proceeding of the inhabitants  
in the town meeting and the Comitty of w<sup>as</sup>  
chosen to write to Mr. Smith was Samuel Sargeant  
James Davis for and the Beggins

The inhabitants gave the select men full  
power to collect the inhabitants every one  
their severall proportions for to discharge  
the money the towns had granted to the  
minister that should serve on the work of ye  
sabbath amongst us being 200 £. sabbath and 10  
for his entertainment and yet the money yet  
not been given as shall be given by way of  
contribution for the carrying on the  
work at the sabbath house the 20<sup>th</sup> day  
of October last past shall be 200 £. sabbath  
out of every man and woman proportionally

43) S<sup>r</sup> v<sup>r</sup>all of the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town have  
p<sup>r</sup>ovyd the acts whiche have ben made by  
by the town concerning Goodwood and Timber  
upon the prohibited kind and we do think y<sup>t</sup>  
it would be more convenient if y<sup>e</sup> town sh<sup>d</sup>  
cause that the town treasurer might be fully  
impowred to prosecute all former acts whiche  
have ben made in the town concerning  
wood and Timber upon prohibited ground  
this was voted in the town meeting January  
to the town clerk and to stand good  
upon record 1701

At the goodall towns meeting in Gloucester March 3. 1701  
James Sayward being chosen moderator for y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
John Dargge and George Giding was chosen clerk to  
take the hands that will vote of when any thing was  
to be voted by the moderator at y<sup>e</sup> meeting

For the choosing of town officers

Thomas Witham was chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1702  
Solert men for y<sup>e</sup> year 1702 that was Thomas d<sup>r</sup> mont  
John Joseph Allen Nathan. Galt John Sergeant  
James Davis fur me the Riggs for  
Thomas Riggs was chosen town clerk  
Sitting men

James Sawyer William Haskell S<sup>r</sup> John Bray  
Surveyors of high way & fence towns

Benjamin Haskell Edward Harraden mores Smith  
Joseph Goddard & Clark of the market fur Joseph Allen  
town treasurer & dragoon James persons  
John Dabel Outlaw and packer  
Samuel Hodgkins. Sallow of Leather

First officers John Day Jacob Elliot James Davis for  
Clerk S<sup>r</sup> v<sup>r</sup>all of the poor Nathaniel Galt  
James Sawyer John Harridan

The Inhabitants at y<sup>e</sup> meeting gave the Solert men  
full power to make ord<sup>s</sup> and buy lines for y<sup>e</sup> good  
of the town and also to have suspension to former  
orders whiche have ben formerly made by the town  
in goodall and by the Solert men of the town  
formerly that have ben made for the good of y<sup>e</sup> town

The putting of Goodwood upon the town commons is  
by voted in y<sup>e</sup> meeting put down until further time  
if the town feels good to revive it again

The Solert men of the town have power given them  
at this meeting to lay and impose fines upon  
any that shall transgress the act of the town  
that is now made concerning Goodwood and to  
present it to Effect officers above specified and

All the towns officers above specified and  
chosen to your several offices wherunto you  
were chosen hath took these oaths before the  
Solert men and town officers y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1701  
Recording the Sallow of Leather



granted to Soderall of the Inhabitants of  
the generall town meeting in March 30 1701 at the  
Comitty and those men that have any Land granted  
agreement for free and paying for it according to

John Duggs had granted to him doyning tot  
him he bought of Jacobs Davis on both sides of the brook  
leaving no high way and according to the order of the town  
meeting one acre of ground

The request of John Day was left to Joseph Allen  
John Bray and John Harward concerning the exchanging  
the half acre of ground he bought of William Sergeant so to  
lay it to the common and to leave half an acre of ground  
in the low of it to lay along by the side of his and his  
father's Land

Robert Ewell and Thomas Sawyer had liberty at the  
town meeting to fence in one break by six acres of ground  
about 20 long ways for 20 years time and at the  
end of 20 years time to make it smooth and lay it  
to the town common again and what wood is growing  
upon it that is fit for to make one wood of not to be  
by any means transposed out of the town upon the  
penalty of the town not about any that shall transgress  
by 40 shillings of 20 shillings for each acre or to be made

Edward Harward had liberty to cut twenty cord of  
wood to sell out of town of the town common in low  
of twenty cord of wood he had cut of his own Land  
and burnt it in his own fire

Joseph James had Common right given him to belong  
to his house to lie in

Joseph Haskell Jr had granted to him about three  
quarters of an acre of ground lying on the western side  
of his own Land adjoining as he and the Comitty shall  
agree or having found it in already

John Harward had the privilege given to him  
of the stream of Northen brook that runs into the head  
of Hogskin Pond for to sell upon a saw mill there  
and if the John Harward do not sell by the mill  
within four years after this grant the grant  
to be null and void and of none effect

James Sayward had granted him the Land which  
is the town that is within his fence already to  
pay for it

John Lane had Common right given him at the  
generall town meeting March 30 1701 & 702

John Sawyer & Thomas Robinson & Joseph Had  
Each of them given to them Common right

Richard Babson John Soderall James Parsons John Garrison  
and several other neighbors do desire that there may  
be a high way of two rods wide from fresh water Pond  
up into the wood where the way is now with all the  
bank to be left three or four rods wide from high  
water mark on the western side of 40 to fresh water  
Pond may be laid out and recorded a high way for the  
use of any or all the inhabitants of the town for ever  
this was put to vote and the vote was on the affirmative  
to be a town act to be according as it is ordered

Richard Babson had granted to him one acre of ground  
between the high  
hill and the high way that leads to Normans oh  
and not to prejudicing the way that goes out  
at the woods this Land is granted according to  
the order of the Comitty of an acre for it

Joseph Gardner had granted him one acre of heath  
lying a little from his house to the west and lying  
South east from the house of Eliza Denny

It was ordered by the Inhabitants at this generall  
town meeting March 30 1701 & 702 that all grants of  
Land either at this town meeting or at the  
town meeting in March 412 and first days 1700 & 701 that  
was to be done by the Comitty in behalf of the town  
and those men who did obtain the grants all those  
that had any grants for Land to be paid for and  
their accounts for Land to be made by with the Comitty  
to the acts of the town and whoever do neglect their  
grant to be null and void in 3 months time there

3<sup>rd</sup> 14 80<sup>th</sup> ... will the L<sup>th</sup> of ...

$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + U(r) \right) = 0$

the 3 of 1800 & 1801

It is a good thing that no one in no dry & the 2800 ft. of the

11. It is ordered that no person or persons shall enter  
on trading upon the common banks before the twenty-fourth day of

bank on that as the security of your money.

It is of course not at all probable that any form of  
 improvement can be made in the present kind of working to this lower

874 + is advised that no law that is not off the face of book  
right shall count any + invited to any party

For it is a wonder that in New Spain, in all o  
new towns to suffering men and women, turned to his suffering in

working man. I got one of his notes on my way  
to the bank. It was from the three men to Prof. J. H. P.

14. in cut pay, by no man, but only of House & no p  
nor salary in it, no man, but only of House & no p

mon to pay to ye of the town of Shrewsbury

After the war the anthracite and bituminous coal fields of the Pennsylvania and West Virginia regions were developed.

or dispose of T. 25.45 within 20 days of auction

towns & towns in out-lies or other northern towns  
 of the kind being either for building or for

now that I will no doubt have got him out of his toils





47) C/14 A town meeting in Gloucester June 1702  
for to choose clere to answer in the Court of Sessions  
in John Emerson June of Salem he having left a  
with one of the inhabitants of D town to answer him  
at Salem Court of pleas there to be held the last  
Tuesday of this instant June Concerning his fathers  
Salary for his bearing on the work of the minister  
in the year 1699 being 75: white, ye D Emerson  
in his will left pecunie for to chuse two men to  
serve on the jury of trials at D Court —

James Davis Jun is chosen at D meeting to answer  
in John Emerson Jun of Salem in the towns behalf holding  
summed the inhabitants of Gloucester to answer him  
at the Court of pleas in Salem the last Tuesday  
of this instant June Concerning his reverant fathers  
Salary in John Emerson for the year 1699

and also the said James Davis was chosen at D  
meeting to act in the towns behalf wher may  
be thought requesit to be don by him concerning  
a grammar school

Moses Smith and Daniell King was chosen to serve  
on the jury of trials this first Court at Salem

William Haskell Jun and Joseph Haskell his son is chosen  
at D meeting to look after our towns Common becom  
the rather part of the line between the town of Haverhill  
and Gloucester that none that do not belong to ye town  
of Gloucester may not be permitted to cut any wood or  
timber upon our Common in the place before mentioned  
and if any do presume to cut either wood or timber of  
what kind soever it be without leave they shal forfeit  
ye same then at D meeting to prosecute any or all  
that shall be found transgressors of the order made  
and allowed of by the generall sessions of the peace  
and the penalty therein sett for any that shal be found  
transgressors thereof to be 10 s or more at the full  
amount for the recovery of D penalty whiche is menti-  
oned in the order

The order about wood is ordered at this town  
meeting and agreed upon in the meeting by the inter-  
vention of what quantity of wood is to be cut by the inter-  
vention of the town take further order about wood  
and ye ordering is as followeth viz  
that Every Commoner that owes duties to the town  
and Commoners shal have in this town land liberty  
to cut in or out of wood any no more in ye  
places where it hath been allowed of by ye town and  
those that have been allowed of by ye town and  
by this grant but the select men of the town  
have power given them at this meeting to grant  
liberty to such as they shall see meet and every one  
that cutt wood himself or by his hands or by his right in ye  
grant of wood above mentioned shal before he cutt  
any wood shal put upon the town Common a  
marked tree to be appointed by those men that are  
appointed to be it be performed a days work in cutting  
brush and upon the refusall of cutting brush a day  
if any do refuse those that do so refuse and to be  
payed upon ye town Common to be set out of town and  
if any do transgress this order to cut more than  
this order doth allow of they are to forfeit ten shillings  
for wood to the use of the town

Bruce Haskell Esq. Colling John Davis Jun  
James Davis was chosen in D meeting to see that  
cutting of brush be performed according to ye order



Upon the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1702 the select men  
of gloucester gave no powder and by order to  
make a warrant to the court for to want  
own meeting + 31<sup>st</sup> of this full court by  
1702 to meet at the next meeting hours at eight  
of the clock in the fore noon on day and  
to sign it under my own and all towns of  
Thomas Biggs to the

At a towns meeting in gloucester July 31<sup>st</sup> 1702  
Jesse Joseph Allen was chosen by  
provision having 3<sup>rd</sup> votes for the meeting  
Capt Davis well: Sargant: and the day: shod: day  
James Parsons James Sawyer Ezechieh Bellins  
and finally William Sawyer James Saywood  
shod: Sawyer John Babson John Bray shod: Bray  
where there do not in respect to the meeting

At a meeting of the inhabitants of glo: November  
the 1<sup>st</sup> 1702 for to choose three jury men to serve out up  
superior court to be holden at Salom November 10 1702  
John Willett Jr was chosen to serve on the grand jury  
John Decker and John Prince was chosen to serve on the  
jury of trials at the superior court  
At a meeting of the inhabitants of glo: December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1702  
for to choose 2 jurors for the court to be holden at Salom  
the next holding of this full court December 1702  
Capt James Davis was chosen moderator for the meeting  
John Smith Jr was chosen to serve on the grand  
jury for the future years and Elisha Turner to serve  
on the jury of trials at the next court of 1703  
At John Newman was charged with paying of the  
school in the meeting to take upon him the office of  
a schoolmaster in the town and he did manifest his  
willingness in that were to do the best he could and  
then the inhabitants proceeded to a vote for the school  
John Newman to be a schoolmaster in the town and  
it was a general vote

At a meeting of the inhabitants of glo: January 19<sup>th</sup> 1703  
for to choose a schoolmaster for to go to the general court  
and Jesse Joseph Allen Benjamin Babson John Parsons  
and Ezechieh Bellins was chosen a committee to present  
any that hath any land to dispose of that may be don  
want for the ministry and so to make  
report to the town the next towns meeting

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So Thomas Witham Constable of Gloucester  
for his meritorious name you and require to  
warn the several inhabitants of ye town  
that they shou and meet together at the meeting  
house the next Friday being the thirty first day  
of this instant July at eight of the clock in ye  
fore noon to confer about ye Joseph Dait his  
being from amongst us according to former  
upon triall in order to further settlement with  
us Gloucester dated July ye 28<sup>th</sup> day 1702  
by order of the select men

Thomas Witham Constable of Gloucester

The town is notified attending to the same  
on <sup>the</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> July 1702

At the towns meeting held in Gloucester  
July the 31<sup>st</sup> 1702 the sign Joseph Dait  
was chosen moderator for said meeting

The 2<sup>nd</sup> point was to choose <sup>three</sup> men to tell the  
votes viz Joseph Haskell ye 2<sup>nd</sup> John Durgess  
and Thomas Witham Constable

3<sup>rd</sup>ly there was a community of five men chosen  
to take care that the works of ye Sabbath be  
carried on amongst us and also to confer  
with ye Joseph Dait in regard to his being  
amongst us according to former acts and

the community that was chosen by ye name and  
of the following sign Joseph Dait Nathaniel Dait  
James Davis Jun William Haskell

John Davis  
At a town meeting held in Gloucester September 28<sup>th</sup> 1702

by the order of the church this towns meeting was  
called for the inhabitants to meet together to confer  
with the church about ye white his coming  
amongst us upon triall in order to settlement with us  
in the work of the ministry

The first act was to choose a moderator  
ye say: James Davis was chosen moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Samuel Sergeant John Pearson George Giddings  
these three men was chosen to tell the votes at  
meeting

4<sup>th</sup>ly the fourth act that passed in said meeting  
was concerning ye white for the town to join with  
the church the church by a vote in the church  
meeting for the calling of ye white upon triall in  
order to a settlement amongst us in the work  
of the ministry and the votes in said meeting was on  
the affirming for calling of ye white to the  
work of the ministry amongst us

5<sup>th</sup>ly Joseph Allen and John John for our vote  
chosen at said meeting to go to ye white and  
to advise and discourse him in the town both  
concerning his coming amongst us upon triall  
in order to his settlement amongst us in the work  
of the ministry

At a town meeting held in Gloucester 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1702  
to consider what is best to be done concerning the ye white  
ye John White James Davis was chosen moderator for said meeting

The first vote was to choose a community to discourse with  
ye ye white and seven men were chosen viz  
John White present viz William Sergeant John  
Pearson Benjamin Pearson Deacon Pearson Nathaniel Dait  
James Sergeant Thomas Dait

By the instructions that was given to the community  
by the inhabitants in said meeting that is to treat with  
the ye white John White about his settlement amongst  
us in the work of the ministry and also to offer to  
him for his salary in money or equivalent to money  
for the first year sixty five pounds and afterwards  
seventy pounds per year so long as the ye white shall  
continue or write us carrying on the  
work of the ministry to be paid quarterly the  
year to begin the twenty first day of October 1702  
next past

Reuben M. Dait

turn over



they instructions was given to the Society it is not  
to discourse with the warden in town who is agent of  
Society for him whether the town should build for  
the ministry and pursue other provisions for his  
same or to take a certain sum and so settle himself  
rely William Lasker so and deacon Joseph Lasker should  
join with the warden of the town to see if they  
could find a convenient place to remove their  
church and family to for his more comfort and  
subsistence

11th A private meeting in Gloucester December 28<sup>th</sup> 1702  
concerning propositions to the warden John White in  
reference to a settlement for him for the carrying on the work  
of the ministry amongst us and also what other business may  
be done at a meeting for the welfare of the town  
Deacon James Parsons was chosen moderator for the meeting  
the first word was to give to the warden John White and  
hundred pounds for to settle himself amongst us for the  
carrying on the work of the ministry amongst us so long  
as yd shall be pleased to make finding money or equivalent  
by 44 was voted in said meeting for the carrying on  
that whereas the town have called the warden John  
White to settle amongst us in the work of the ministry  
they do agree to allow him for his yearly salary  
sixty five pounds for the first year and seventy  
pounds of annuum for the two next years following  
and eighty pounds annuum afterwards so long as the  
said warden John White doth continue amongst us carry-  
ing on the work of the ministry and to be paid in  
money or as money to be paid yearly and in white  
to have as an outplus what strengthens given by way  
of contribution and said warden white to preach at  
least once per month beginning in April and so  
to end in October Annually

3dly Voted that for time to come that whose ever puts  
in money by way of contribution for the behooving of  
the ministry being in parts of what every one will be  
afforded yearly to the minister salary what they give in  
money to put the same in paper and write thereon  
in the said paper that it may be known whose it is  
that the deacon or any that do hold forth yd box to  
receive what is contributed may be trusted to give  
an account of what is given by every individual man or  
woman and also to give the deacon an account what  
they have given by way of contribution since the  
last day of October 1702 that it may be accounted  
for this present year which will end yd 20 of October 1703

4thly the Inhabitants of the town full power to collect the Inhabitants  
there Equall proportion of us or as may be for the sum  
of Twenty five pounds <sup>in money</sup> for towns rent to defray the  
town debts

Ann. 1702 = White

John Roberts Secy. Genl.  
Surveyors of Highways & General Land Officers  
Commissioned & Licensed to Survey & Measure Lands  
Conceded to the State of New York  
Edward Howard, Clerical, Robinson & Co. Surveyors of Lands

they shoud not there in any  
attending to a narrow cut  
41<sup>st</sup> Ely. the select men had power given them at the meeting  
to deal with Mr John Murgison a court keeping & scold  
reely and sit past my meeting that whosoever of the inhabitants  
of the town or any others that shall presume to take  
or give any one trade of what sort soever upon the town  
common fore to give the same to sell either in town or out of  
town shall pay the penalty of four shilling & be  
for every two that is levied or taken for that end to the use  
of the town.

7 By John Harradon had liberty given him out to morning to sell  
Hops and sell out of town his half of cask of beaver and  
that week ending, it is and for sending wife his son and  
of the legs that is brought by the neighbourhood to be  
Season to next

I shall pay for the support of the town meeting that whosoever  
 shall purchase to take or cut down any trees or  
 which is now growing on the little good house lot  
 and the salt marsh ground beginning to the South end of  
 the marsh ground of 400 paces and so to the end of ye  
 D moor shall pay to the use of the town ten shillings  
 for every tree that shall be taken upon the D moor

all the above said persons drawn to office have taken their  
oath, except Benjamin Haskell and he  
only took his oath to surrender of his arms before the select  
men of another town, the 2<sup>d</sup> day 1703



At a Town meeting in glo. may 28 day 1703 for to chuse a  
Commissioner to take with the select men for to take a new list of  
ye ofols and estate that were taxable by law to the province  
tax in the year 1702. Deacon James parsons was chosen moderator  
and to chuse a representative for to represent the town at the  
great and generall Court to be holden at Boston may the  
2ndely next 1703.

John parsons was chosen Commissioner at a meeting  
and Deput. James debis was chosen representative at a meet-  
ing at a town meeting in glo. June 22 1703 for to chuse a  
Salom 20 29 of this instant June John Focke was chosen to serve  
at the Court

At a town meeting in Gloucester october 29 1703 being  
called by the select men of the town for the inhabitants to give  
order and power to the select men of the town to assess  
the inhabitants to the sum of Eighteen or twenty  
pounds for the town rate to pay the town debts

29th: the select men had order and power given them at  
said meeting to assess the inhabitants the sum of 18 or 20  
pounds for a town rate to pay these men the town

3th it was concluded by vote in a meeting that the  
gunny rate which was demanded from the town  
this year 1703 by an warrant under the name of the  
glark of the Court of the generall sessions of the peace  
being 4-3-6 should be paid out of the town  
treasury and the summe to be added to the town  
rate 7 (November 20 3d 1703)

At a town meeting in glo. for to chuse Jurors  
for the Superior Courts to be held at Salem the 2d  
Wednesday of this instant November  
Nathanial Port and John Lane to serve on ye grand Jury  
the Seandons and John Sawyer to serve on the jury of view  
at the Superior Court

At a town meeting 23 of November 1703 for to  
chuse agreed Jurymen for the year to come  
and for men to serve on the jury of trials the last  
Wednesday of this instant November at Salem Court  
they to be holden at John Newman was chosen  
to live on the grand jury and John Harris to serve on  
the jury of trials

At a town meeting being the generall Town meeting  
in glo. march 11 day 1704 for the chusing of town  
officers for the year 1704 Captain James debis was chosen  
moderator for the meeting it was also voted that the  
inhabitants should vote by ye number of houses and not by  
prosses for the chusing of all town officers and what did  
concern town business The select men that  
was chosen for to serve in the year 1704 are as  
followeth

John Newman Nathl. Port James  
debis John King Jo: Higgs Thomas Higgs town  
clerk as followeth Successors of high officers and fine. towns  
Joshua day Ezekiell Hollins William  
hobbs so Samuel York John Davis Constable  
Town treasurer Dea. James parsons  
Sitting men

Timothy day John Bray the Sawyer to serve parsons  
to look that there be no disorder in the galleries by  
youth

Clark of the market

Lieut. Joseph collin

packer and miller is John Davis

John Drubbs is maris. smith, Jacob Ellwell  
and Isaac Endole

At a meeting of the select men the 7th day of  
march 1704 The above named officers of  
wherein an order is required of take three severall  
cuted to the places that they were standing too  
before the select men upon the 7th day

it is left to you & select men to take care of  
Richard and rows and to appoint a place where  
to set a small house for him to live in and the  
inhabitants of the town to build yd house  
2<sup>d</sup> our selves of the town is James Sayward Richard Dobbson  
doe Joseph Haswell doe James Parsons Li Joseph allon  
moris Smith

3 this select men of the town had full power  
given them at said meeting to make orders and  
by laws to the best of their judgment for the good  
of the town

4 it is voted that there shall bee high wayes laid  
out to be for the use of the town on both sides of  
the four called millets Lane  
they there was also it past that those petitions  
that was put in at this town meeting concern  
ing lands should be heard at the next meeting  
of those y<sup>e</sup> had power to dispose of lands and it  
was voted to have another meeting to hear the  
petitions and the vote on the affirmative was to  
have it the next day that being the 2<sup>d</sup> day of this  
Instant march and to begin at nine of clock in y<sup>e</sup>  
morning At a town meeting of the inhabitants  
of those that had power to dispose of lands or com-  
mon rights according to the vote in the town meeting  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of march 1703, Dobbson and most together  
the 2<sup>d</sup> day of March according as it was enacted  
the first day James Davis was chosen moderator to  
the meeting

It was then ordered by the inhabitants that the bury  
places should be fenced in with stone wall that do  
belong to the town of Glocester

It is enacted at the next that the select men shall lay  
out the burying places and take it out where they shall  
be found and the surveyors of the high ways to take y<sup>e</sup>  
same and to see that it is fenced in and to divide the inhabit-  
ants of the town into all male persons from sixteen years old and  
upward and to work at the D works of fencing in y<sup>e</sup> D bur-  
ying places and the surveyors to divide the inhabitants into  
companies as the work doth require of men and also for  
to make that men so needfull to carry on the work and if  
any person that hath payall notice to come to work  
about fencing in D buriall places and neglect coming  
shall pay for his default two shillings & idem to be  
put to the use of the D works of fencing in D buriall  
places John Harvard Benjamin Haswell Nathel Saragant  
these three men was chosen to tell the names of those that  
did boite in D meeting

The lot Lays of the town of Glocester that are appointed  
to lay out land that is granted by the town shall  
be chosen a committee to treat with any that shall have  
any land granted at this town meeting for the price  
of D land that every one hath granted at this D meeting  
and return the money to the town treasurer for the  
use of the town and those men that hath the land which  
is granted to them to be at all the charges concerning  
it

James Parsons have granted him according to the  
conditions made in D meeting: it is a piece of swampy  
ground lying in the Easter end of the great Swamp  
that the bridge is made through as people go to men  
house

Stephen and Samuel Row brothers have the land granted  
to them which they have fenced in of the town common  
fencing to their own separate land for the price of it y<sup>t</sup>  
shall be agreed upon by them and the committee  
Sincerely some so had a committee given him to belongs  
to the land where his house now stands

Abraham Row had that stripe of Land granted  
from the corner of the fence which fenced in the  
ground that Stephen row hath fenced in of the town  
common to the end of the half circle of ground formerly  
given to his father Hugh Row not prejudicing  
now hindering the high way



Francis Norwood Jr. had granted two acres of swampy ground in the swamp about the head of Goose Pond

Andrew Robinson had granted him two or three acres of swamp between his house and Popple Stone branch where the Northcutt shall be ~~granted~~ and the wood that is growing on the ground to be reserved for the town use

Joseph Gardner had granted him one acre of island ground adjoining to that part of swampy ground he had of the town the half acre of ground which John Cook petitioned for more desire to have it all the point between the two of the harbour and strip of ground not to hinder any high way and it was left to the lot lawyers who is the high way cut in the town behind in the side of it for the town to agree with to whom it shall be sufficient land for both of them as they desire to have and if not to give one of them

John Sargeant so had granted him a swampy about the head of the pond called milelets ~~and~~ called by the name of the frog swamp.

James Davis had given him four or five rods of ground which his beaver stands

Joseph Day gave him the liberty to fence in the way which is reserved for the town who that lies between the Island called howlock Island and the swamp he bought of his brother John Day provided he make sufficient gaps at both ends of the way for street or for to pass through where any inhabitant of the town shall have occasion to make use of the way

David King had the land granted to him being about one acre of ground the most part of the ground he had fenced in according to his other land and he is not to diminish the fence is made ~~in~~ in the morning

Samuel King had a ~~monitory~~ ~~in~~ ~~and~~ he had not one monitory before this present meeting

Abraham Robinson so had one acre of swampy ground granted to him lying on the other side of the pond or his house hindering no high way nor watering place

Moses Smith had a monitory given him to belong to his house and land which is situated by the meeting house

Samuel Hocking had a monitory given him to belong to his house and land

Ezekiel Collins had given him one acre of swampy ground lying on the back side from his house and it was given to him in full satisfaction and what wood is upon it to be for the town use and the said Ezekiel Collins did of west land upon the eastern point which is entered in the sixty eight page of the book of records for land

Timothy Day is to by or exchange the land which he had fenced in of the town to Samuel Sutcliffe all the eastern end of his dwelling house

William Sargeant had granted him one acre of swampy ground lying by the swampy ground of Joseph Gardner next to his own land hindering no high way nor watering place

Joseph Haskell Jr had a monitory given him to belong to the house and land where he now lives

Elisha & Wmby had granted him one acre of swampy ground upon the eastern side of Joseph Gardner's swampy it is to be so much there to be had him or neither high way nor watering place

It is agreed upon at this meeting 2 day of march next that all the land that hath been granted at this meeting which is to be paid for in money the money to be paid down when the County and every party concerned do agree or security given to the town 2 day of may next ensuing the date hereof or three grants to be void

James Sargeant had granted him for money a parcel of land lying on the southeast side of his lecture between his fence and the high street of rocks to the way it flows down to the eastern end of the street and goes down two acres

53/ At a meeting of the select men in March 1703  
agreed and ordered that the town clerk do forthwith  
grant an warrant for the quorum notice to the  
residents and his neighbors of this town qualified  
to vote in town affairs that the 20th day of this  
month at the meeting house on the 20th day of this  
month march at nine of the clock in the forenoon to  
make choice of some persons to look after houses going on  
the town pound and to hear and decide what was  
into the pound on the second day of this instant and  
not heard and also to make such prudential orders for  
the preservation of the timber and wood on the commons  
from being cut out of town or waste in the town  
and also to consider and agree of any other business that  
may be then laid over the town

At a towns meeting in gloster march 20<sup>th</sup> day 1703  
in John Joseph Allen moderator for the meeting  
only Isaac Eustice and moris Smith were present and  
meeting to look after houses and has find that goods open  
the town pound

Sely All town Newcomen is chosen school master for the  
year ensuing and left to the select men to agree with  
John Newcomen for what and how much for keeping  
of school for the said year ensuing  
Robert Elliott was granted to him for money 2 acres  
of Swamp by the town he bought of his mother's estate  
by the Southwestern side

John Curney had granted to him about one acre  
of Swamp between his house which he lately cleared and  
fenced in already

John Elliott has been granted about one acre of  
Swamp lying by his house hindering no high way

Samuel Sargent is chosen to be one of the committee  
to look after the town wood formerly chosen out of  
them being deceased transcribing March 20<sup>th</sup>

Henry John Smith was granted him to cut down  
town common land to be in some of the wood to set  
out of town of the wood which is already fenced in  
and in clearing the land and which liberty to cut it  
along the head of hoggin and between the two runs

William Hays had granted him for money at  
least all of land within forty by the side of the land of  
Nathaniel East and being within his town already

Timothy Smith for had liberty of the town to be dug  
of his own land which is by the side of the town of his land for  
so much of the town common land at the northern end of  
his land

John Smith for had granted to him one acre of the  
of rocks which lyeth on the south side of the land the  
smith had formerly of the town

Eliazar Elliott had granted him about half an acre of  
upland ground or what may be spared by his house hindering  
no high way

John Hainman had granted him half an acre of Swamp  
ground behind his house with the consent of George Stobson  
and the rest of the neighbors hindering no high way

Deborah Davis had granted him the land where his  
house and shop stands

Thomas Witham had granted to him about three  
quarters of an acre of Swamp off the head of the town  
as formerly had of the town he having fenced it in  
already

Moris Smith had granted him a parcel of land  
lying between Manchester line and the land of  
Nathaniel Willard and the land of the Willard son

James Wallis had granted him half an acre of upland  
ground off the Northeast end of the land that was  
formerly given to Samuel Stobson which land was  
about the head of the head of the land of John Newcomen formerly

Timothy Smith for had granted him about one acre of  
ground where the neighbors shall think good it may  
be spared

At a meeting that there be a high way  
lead out from the head of the harbor  
along from Mills down where the way now is by the house  
of John Hainman Joseph Page and by the house  
of Willard Sargent and along between the house of William  
son and his son Andrew Hainman and the way to the  
to the salted land of which was formerly belong to William  
Stobson

From over land for the rest of the acre  
that was also at the meeting



from 1701 to 1704 or 1705 a parcel of ground of 10  
acres more or less lying between the way and the mill  
road within the County that is adjacent to the way  
and the mill road to meeting shall thing best and  
convenient

Item John Collins James Davis for and the Right  
Honorable Lord Sayers are also to be a committee for 40  
years with all that may that may be granted out  
in town meeting for the price of it and its time  
and security for payment to be returned to the  
towne treasurer according to their agreement

and what lands is granted at this town meeting  
to every person that has the grant of land to want  
to have the land out for price and security  
for payment before the first day of June next ensuing  
the 20th day of March 1704 which is the town meeting day  
or else the grant to be null and void

At a town meeting held in Gloucester May the 12th 1704  
for to Chuse representatives and to consider something  
concerning the put and what other business might be thought  
of by the select men for these ends

1 John Newman was chosen Moderator for said meeting

2 Nathaniel Smith was chosen at said meeting  
representative to present the town in the great and general  
Court for this year 1704

an act past at said meeting by the inhabitants

3 that whatever person or persons that  
pass through the put and shall leave the bridge open  
any shall not turn the bridge over the put again  
any such person or persons shall pay of 10 shillings  
for every time they shall leave the bridge and do not turn it over  
the put again the said money to be recovered by due  
process of law

4 and this fourth act was whereas there was a tract of land  
formerly granted to deacon William Haskell deceased lying  
on the western side of the creek called wakers dross  
to run from the wolf pen so called to which line  
and the bounds thereof not being stated and settled the  
towne do now upon the 20th day of March 1704  
his son Joseph and Joseph Collins John Parsons and James  
Davis a committee to sell the bounds of said land  
at a meeting of the select men May 29 day 1704  
did then order and appoint the town clerk to give  
the inhabitants notice that on 9th day of June following  
the town clerk to meet together the 20th day of June  
following Gloucester

At a meeting of the select men May 29 1704  
agreed and ordered that the town clerk do give  
notice to give notice to the first holders an inhabitant  
qualified to vote in town calling that they  
do assemble meet together at the meeting house  
on the 20th day of June next ensuing at nine of  
the clock in the forenoon to agree on a will of  
choosing a master for this instant year and also to agree  
about town debt for the preservation of our  
timber and woods from being swelter or carried  
out of the town and for such other business that  
may be laid down before

at a town meeting of 40 freemen and inhabitants of  
Gloucester assembled June 20th 1704 according to the  
order of the select men May 29th last first as also for the  
choise of Jurors for the next Superior Court of pleas to be  
held at Salem the last Tuesday of the instant June

1 James Davis was chosen moderator for said meeting  
2 William Haskell and Nathaniel Smith were chosen Jurors  
for the Court of Superior Court to be held at Salem the last  
Tuesday of this instant June

3 the freemen and other inhabitants at said meeting did  
agree with and John Newman for his wife of school  
for this year 1704 and to be a school for the next  
year at town meeting in March following for which  
John Newman was to have five pounds per year  
by the

only there was liberty granted all the same to the  
Stephen Row to Henry. Persons Samuel Row John. With  
John Dundy Elizabeth and Jacob Row all and others  
that living in that town to run a fence  
from Starbought harbor by to the William House  
and from thence to the fence that is near to the  
Hobson rock which fence runs down to the head of  
Goose Pond

412 it was becom that there should be more  
sold for money for to help to pay the town debt

That no person or persons directly nor indirectly shall  
to cut any tree timber upon any part of the town common land  
or any vessel or vessels on or upon any of five shillings per tree  
or if they have given sufficient bond to the select men to pay to  
them of the town the sum of three shillings & turn for so many  
trees as the vessel shall measure if he or they shall cut or  
dispose of to vessel or vessels so built out of the town within  
six years of the vessel's launching and the money to be  
received by the town treasurer and those men that do give  
bond shall be in town security in case the vessel or  
vessels be sold or disposed of out of the town within the time  
aforesaid

That no person or persons shall fell or cut any timber  
either white pine or maple beach or birch upon any part  
of the town common lands to carry to any saw mill to  
be sawen without leave from the select men and such liberty  
granted in the select men book excepting any person or  
persons have had or shall have particular grant from the town  
and if any person or persons shall bring any more logs to any  
of the mills than they have liberty for such logs shall be  
forfeited to the town for their use and what logs are  
already brought or got in order to be brought to any saw  
mill or mills of any of the select men's consent to be sawen  
into plank could or split work of any sort the owner or  
owners of such logs or logs shall pay after the rate of  
three shillings & highland to the use of the town for  
every thousand feet of such logs to be sold or transported out of the  
town to be completed after the rate of board measure and  
so proportionably for greater or lesser quantities and no board  
plank or split work of any of the sorts aforesaid mentioned  
either white pine or maple beach or birch shall be carried  
away from any mill or mill to be transported out of the town  
before there be an order taken of the select men by the select  
men or some person or persons appointed by them for their  
services on the penalty of twenty shillings per thousand  
for every thousand feet of such logs to be sold or transported out of  
the town and so proportionably for greater or lesser  
quantities excepting any mill or mills that have any  
privilege by any act of the town

That no person or persons that is a freeman or person  
dwelling in the town or any person or persons that do carry or  
carry of any wood or timber directly or indirectly fall or cut or  
have or permit any to be fallen cut or carried or to be sold  
or transported out of town on the penalty of twenty  
shillings & per cent of a tree that shall be so cut or  
upon one of town either for building canoes or for masts or  
plank boards shingles or staves or any other uses except such  
person or persons shall have liberty from the select men or  
the major parts of them for the time being excepting  
whenever which any person or persons that is a freeman  
and person may do excepted they do not cut any for  
which wood that may be fit for timber  
the above cicks were becom on the affirmative

That the select men for the time being and impowered  
to grant liberty for the cutting of timber on the town com-  
mon where they may think it convenient and also for the  
cutting up of the old wood on the town common lands into  
boards to be carried out of town in such places where it  
may be done without damage to the inhabitants of the town

And that the select men or the major parts of them be  
desired and fully impowered in their own behalf to get a  
quarter session that the cut may be ordered it being now  
so filled up that persons cannot pass and no person shall  
lay claim to the privilege of it refusing to obey  
or upon the same



1704  
June 20<sup>th</sup> 1704

That no person or persons directly or indirectly  
shall be permitted to cut any ship timber or any part  
of the towns commons land to build any vessel or vessels  
of the town of five shillings & four pence for every  
year sufficient to the select men to pay to  
of the town the sum of three shillings & four pence  
as the select men shall move or if he or they shall  
stop of the same vessel or vessels so that  
the select men shall be the town's property in case the  
vessel be sold or disposed of out of the town within the  
space of one year  
That no person or persons shall saw or cut any  
white pine or maple board or burch upon any  
part of the town's common land to carry to any  
such liberty either in the select men's book excepting  
any person or persons who had or have had a licence  
from the town and if any person or persons shall bring any  
more to any of the mills then they have liberty for  
the same to be sold to the town for the use of the  
town or already bought or got in order to be brought to  
the select boards or for the use of the town to be  
owned of such log or logs shall pay unto the  
select men five shillings & four pence for the use of  
the town to the use of the town to be  
tionally for greater or lesser quantities and shall receive  
plank or split work of any of the select men's portions  
either white pine or maple board or burch land so that  
out of the town's common land or on account of  
of the same by the select men or some person or persons  
appointed by them for that service on the penalty of  
five shillings & four pence for every thousand ft  
of the town or over and above of the town and so upon  
any will or will that have any privilege excepting  
of the town  
And that no person or persons shall directly or  
indirectly saw or cut or carry of any wood or timber  
from any of the town's commons land or permit any to  
do so but or carry of to be sold or carried out  
the town upon the penalty of twenty shillings  
for every thousand ft of it so that shall be so fallen out  
or carried out of town either for building canoes  
or otherwise except such person or persons shall have  
liberty from the select men or the mayor or any  
person or persons that is or are and shall  
may be provided they do not cut any for re-sale  
or at may be fit for timber

At a generall Session of the yeare 1704  
June 27<sup>th</sup> 1704

The foregoing orders or by law were read con-  
sidered and allowed and the the penalties therein  
contained to be executed as the law directs  
Most Shewen Sewall  
Copiae Sewall

And also for the town of 400 to  
June 12 anno domini 1747 made by the Select men  
hereby that no person or persons shall cut any grass  
upon the Common lands before the twenty eighth day  
of August ensuing on the penalty of two by the  
said or part of day to be paid by him or them that  
shall offend this order which penalty shall be to the  
use of the town

And it is further ordered that no inhabitant that is  
not a freeman shall cut or take up any grass or thicket on  
the Common lands by night on the penalty of 4 in  
the pound and so proportionably for greater or less  
and that no freeman or other inhabitant shall direct  
or indirectly employ above one set of a time for  
the twenty eighth day of August till the third day of  
following on the penalty of four shillings to be paid to  
the use of the town

And that no person that is not possessed of a Common right  
shall have any privilege to cut any grass or thicket up  
the Common lands without leave from the Select men on  
the penalty of twenty shillings for every offence or  
of a fine to be paid to the use of the town

And that no person or persons that is not an inhabitant or  
inhabitant of this town shall bring in or cause to be  
brought into this town any hog kind or neat cattle  
to feed upon the town commons without leave on the  
penalty of eight shillings & a cow to be paid to the use of the  
town for every beast that shall be found on the  
Commons and whereas there may be some person or persons  
that are not inhabitants of this town that may buy or come  
to some part in the Common by their purchase such  
or persons shall not bring nor suffer to be brought any  
hog kind or neat cattle into town to feed on the  
town Commons but what are their own get and  
ever have and what hog kind or neat cattle they  
so bring or cause to be brought to feed on the Commons  
they shall make an entry with the town clerk of  
the number age and make of every such beast  
and shall so bring to feed on the Common or on the owner of  
any of every beast that is found on the Common and  
not entered shall be liable to pay the penalty of  
eight shillings & a cow to the use of the town

And it is further ordered that no hog kind or neat cattle  
shall be brought to feed upon the town Commons  
or upon the town Commons either about the town  
or upon the town Commons to be sufficiently fed on  
such hog kind or neat cattle shall be found or taken on the  
Commons without leave and none but free holders that are  
inhabitant and live within the limits of the limits of  
liberty to put any hog kind or neat cattle in the  
Common lands without leave shall be liable to the  
penalty of five shillings & a cow and all ye  
shall be liable to them without leave and so to the town  
so called and so to the town that runs along to the west of  
the town so called between that and the river called  
the town river to be exempted the town Commons

And that no ram or rams shall be suffered to remain  
the sheep on the Common from the thirtieth day of  
July till the twentieth day of November following  
on the penalty of five shillings for every ram if  
found among the sheep on the Common  
and if the owner of such ram or rams shall refuse  
to pay the penalty aforesaid which penalty shall be  
for the use of the town then such ram or rams  
shall be forfeited the one half to the poor of the town  
and the other half to him or them that take the same

And also for the remainder of the town and  
allowance of all of them



that nor how him or most excepting... or Sufferers to go on the Island called Bister Island... the family of Sinc-pent & how for every boat that is found... excepting me, the very subsidies... of his

that A. L. Joseph Allen John day and Thomas with... of them and Thomas and... or any... to go to the... them or any of them and the... to go to the... the one half parts of it to the... the bread of of it to the... for the... they are to pay into the... and go... for the... 1704

Thomas... John... men

At a General Session of the... 1704

the foregoing... to be... of the... Stephen...

\* At a town meeting in Gloucester October 24<sup>th</sup> 1704  
Said Nathan, Esq. was chosen moderator for the meeting  
to the inhabitants of Gloucester assembled in town meeting  
October 24<sup>th</sup> 1704 7 gentlemen whereof the first mentioned  
standing over said will vider so... is now much out of  
repair and in such condition that it will not now serve  
by the inhabitants with grinding of the subscribers do  
hereby do warrant and engage and oblige my self and  
heirs that I will forthwith use my utmost endeavor to  
have the said first mill set in good and sufficient repair  
as soon as possible may be and that if possible and  
sufficient miller shall be set in the same for the  
tending of it will constantly and yet I will enter into  
bond to make good what damage the town may sustain  
therein the way my desert in that matter and to receive  
to null in such manner as the select men or a committee  
now to be appointed by the town may think necessary  
to be done shall be given to the town treasurer in behalf  
of the town and the said... shall sign on as  
witness my hand  
William Cogswell

John...  
voted that upon the provisions above expressed made  
by the William Cogswell the town make choice of Joseph  
Allen as the... to be... to  
be given by the... to the town treasurer

voted that the provisions that was... into this town  
meeting concerning lands should be heard the next town  
meeting or any that should be brought in at the next  
meeting

the inhabitants in the meeting upon the request of John  
Sergeant did then tell him that they would have  
work to pay to the town treasurer for land he had  
of the town

at a town meeting held in Gloucester November 7<sup>th</sup> 1704  
for to choose jury men for the Superior Court at Salem the  
said... was chosen to serve on the grand jury and  
Elizabeth Collins and Thomas Wiseman to serve on the jury of trial  
at the Superior Court a committee was chosen out of the town  
meeting viz say 12 men Allen John... to make... day out the lands that was granted  
to Superior... for money at this town meeting  
and that that have the land to bear the... and  
and that they that have the land either... down in money  
or give to pay in... time before the... and

61) Land granted and given to Andrew millett according to the  
conditions made in the town meeting thirty acres of ground  
by his father's Land at Kettle Pond adjoining to the Line between  
manchester and glocester.  
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granted and given to Thomas millett in 30 acres of Land  
adjoining to the Land of his brother and brother  
and manchester line and glocester and this thirty  
according to the conditions made in the town meeting

granted to Mr William Cogswell of Ipswich six acres  
ground adjoining to his own Land at Kettle Pond south  
to the Land out in the northward side of the Land adjoining  
no further westerly than the pitch line which is  
a common boundary by the way side of the common  
in Exchange of six acres of Land at Kettle Pond so  
that which the Land to be for the town and the ex-  
change to be made on such manner as the Committee  
shall think good upon and the said Cogswell to  
at the pleasure of the Committee and what other things may  
arise by exchange

granted and given to Mr James Cogswell one acre and  
of ground to the rectory of John Fitch his pasture where  
said Joseph will not to burn down hindering no  
way and paying for it according to the conditions made  
in the town meeting

granted and given to Nathaniel Cogswell about two acres  
of Swamp lying on the north west side of the way that  
to manchester between frog water pond and Little river  
given to John Cogswell three rods of ground in length  
and two in breadth without his fence to got about upon  
hindering no high ways he giving five shillings in money  
to the town treasurer for the town and  
granted and given to Ezekiel Cogswell two acres of  
Swamp where the Cogswells had one acre granted  
last year hindering no high way

granted and given to Abraham Sawyer about  
two acres and half of ground or thereabouts adjoining  
to his own Land and lying on the south east side of  
the high way that leads from Peter to the farm  
along to East. Point it being found in already  
and it is to be laid out by the Committee and bounded  
according to the conditions made in the town meeting  
Francis Cogswell has granted and given him  
common and that yet between the Land that was  
given to Anthony Cogswell and the Swamp he bought  
of the town paying for it as the Committee in the town  
meeting

granted and given to the Sawyer two or three  
acres of ground by the head of the great Swamp  
adjoining to his own ground

John Cogswell had granted and given him eight or ten  
acres of ground about the head of his own Land  
according to the conditions made in the town meeting and  
no Land to be laid out to him over neither of the  
highways  
William King had granted and given him with the  
\* the rest of the neighborhood the common Land  
that he had taken in with his pasture since  
hindering no high ways

At a town meeting held in the November 24<sup>th</sup> 1704  
for to choose the jury men to serve at the quarterly sessions  
and courts of pleas to be holden at Salden the last Tuesday  
of this present November  
John Cogswell and William Cogswell ye 2<sup>nd</sup> was chosen to  
serve on the grand jury for the year ensuing and  
Ezekiel Cogswell was chosen to serve on the jury of trials this  
court of pleas next at Salden



67)  
At the generall town meeting in Gloucester  
in march the 6<sup>th</sup> day 1704 for the choosing of town  
officers of whom an oath is required of and other officers  
to serve in more respective places for the year 1704  
Capt James Davis was chosen moderator for the meeting  
Nathl. Parsons Tho: Wigham and John Day was chosen to  
call the votes

At John Newman was chosen Constable for year 1704  
Select men for the year 1704

Goniamen Haskell so Capt. John Harraden  
Thomas Bray Samuel Stebbins Thomas Riggs so  
town clerk for the year 1704 Thomas Riggs so  
town treasurer for the year 1704 James Parsons  
Surveyors of high ways and bowers of fence for the year

Samuel W. Daniell King John Day James and  
Thomas Wickett so the clerk of the market  
is Capt Joseph Cillin

— By thingmen for the year 1704 is

William Haskell so John Durgoo Stebbins so  
James Sayward so Sackew of leather Samuel Hodgkins  
Dexter and Ellow Lie: John Davis

The grant of the acre of land to Timothy Somes his  
being forfeited by reason it was not laid out according  
to the act of the town then made in the town  
meeting 20<sup>th</sup> march 1703/4 is that this town  
meeting renewed to the said Somes against  
Capt Joseph Cillin who Liberty at said meeting  
to exchange the twelve acres of ground lying  
upon the hill which he had of the town and to  
have that down to the town again and to have  
twelve acres of ground in low of it adjoining to  
the eastern end of the swampy ground which the  
Cillin bought of Joseph Endicott and to be measured  
out acre for acre

At John Newman and John Fitch entered a report  
into this act about written

John Sargeant at the above said meeting had  
the thirty shillings given to him and released  
from the payment of it to the treasurer that he  
was to pay for a pawcell of Swame called the  
frog pond which he had of the town

The Inhabitants at said meeting gave order and full  
power to the select men to make order and by laws for the prudential  
affairs of the town

At a meeting of the select men march 8<sup>th</sup> 1704  
when the town officers that was chosen at the  
generall town meeting the six of the above said names  
made there appearance before the select men and day  
and did all take their oaths excepting James Sayward  
so the select officers they were chosen to —  
clerk

At the above said meeting of the select men the  
select men ordered the town clerk to give notice  
by writing upon the meeting house door for a town  
meeting the 19<sup>th</sup> of this instant march at the request  
of severall neighbours

At a town meeting of the inhabitants  
at Gloucester December 4<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1704

At John Newman was chosen Moderator





Decreed that for the preservation of the young growth  
of wood and timber on the town common land between the great  
mill brook and the river of the great swamp, and so to the  
that incloses the town common so called no person or persons  
shall fell any tree on the said land for the space of twelve  
years now next coming of less than six shillings or more  
all the stumps on the said land of fine shillings and  
not to be paid to the use of the town  
at the town meeting March 19<sup>th</sup> 1704  
John Norman was chosen moderator the within John  
Noyes and John Day was chosen to tell the votes  
John King was chosen schoolmaster for the year 1704  
and left by vote for the select men to agree with the  
Schoolmaster  
our sword of the poor that was chosen John Parker  
and William King for the year 1704  
granted and given to Capt William Popper all mast and  
yards and what was needfull for the musting of his  
brigantine againe  
granted and given to Joseph York by a major vote of  
the town right to belong to his house if the said house belong  
to it before

At a town meeting in Gloucester May 10<sup>th</sup> 1705  
the vote taken James Pearson was chosen moderator for the  
year 1705 Joseph Allen was chosen representative for to  
present the town in the great and general Courts or  
assembly that is to be holden at Boston in the year 1705  
Solely the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified for  
voting in the said town for the year 1705 and so annually till  
such time as the town shall see cause to vote them  
down againe in a town meeting  
Voted and granted that all the neighbours that  
live on the Easterly side of the line beginning  
at the head of the Brook by the old Saw mill  
formerly owned by William Haskell so to run to the  
western end of the land of John Dwyer all the common  
land upon the Easterly side of this line is granted to the  
neighbours for outow pasture during the town  
pleasure making sufficient gates where there may  
be need for gates to be made  
Voted that the inhabitants that live to the western  
side of Goose Pond and likewise all those that live on  
both sides of the way that leads to Giltops folly have  
liberty granted at the meeting during the town  
pleasure to fence in a few pasture in the town common  
land beginning at the fence by the falls so called  
which is about the head of Goose Pond and so to run  
a straight line of the town to the house of Nathaniel  
Day making sufficient gates in the weeds that is made  
use of to the meeting and mill  
Voted that all the neighbours that live upon the  
western side of the river so far as Normans or so called  
and so to the river called Little river have liberty granted  
them to run a fence from the town of Normans or so to the head  
or western end of the mouth of Jacob Sabel for outow  
pasture that which is the town common land during  
the town pleasure making sufficient gates in the  
high weeds

Voted that all the land that layeth in a common  
that is not otherwise granted that layeth on the  
Easterly side of Squam river so called and westwardly  
to the house of Nathaniel Pearson is granted  
to all the neighbours upon the Easterly side of  
Squam river for a few pasture during the  
town pleasure making sufficient gates where  
there is occasion in the high weeds

At a town meeting in Gloucester June the 6<sup>th</sup> 1705  
for to choose a man for the jury of trials to serve at  
the Court of Sessions at Salem for the County of Essex  
the last Sunday of this instant June

all other matters touching in goods, or may ye 10<sup>th</sup> 1701  
it is ordered that the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified  
for voting in town meetings give the select men of the town  
power to make orders and or buy lands for the use and so  
annually till such time as the town shall see cause to  
them down again in a town meeting the said town officers  
orders and buy lands for the town of Gloucester for this year  
and so annually made by the select men sometime in May  
after the 10<sup>th</sup> day 1701

Item that no person or persons shall cut any grass  
medick upon the common lands before the twenty eighth day  
of August next ensuing on the penalty of twenty shillings  
or parts of a penny to be paid by him or them that shall  
violate this order which penalty shall be to the use of  
the town  
If it is further ordered that no inhabitant that is not  
a freeholder shall cut or take up any grass or medick on  
any common lands by night on the penalty of twenty shillings  
or parts of a penny for every acre or part thereof  
and no freeholder or other inhabitant shall directly  
or indirectly employ about one sixth part of time from ye  
twenty eighth day of August till the third day of September  
following on the penalty of twenty shillings to be paid to  
the use of the town

That no person that is not possessed of a common right  
shall have any privilege to cut any grass or medick  
upon any of the common lands without leave from the  
select men on the penalty of twenty shillings or parts  
of a penny to be paid to the use of the town

That no person or persons that is not inhabiting or  
an inhabitant of this town shall bring in or cause to be  
brought into this town any horse or beast or sheep  
or swine to feed upon the town commons without leave  
on penalty of ten shillings and to be paid to the use  
of the town for every horse kind beast or sheep that shall  
be found on the town commons and whosoever thereof may  
be found on the town commons that are not inhabitants of  
this town may lay claim to some right in the town  
by three pence such person or persons shall not  
bring in nor suffer to be brought any horse kind  
beast or sheep into the town to feed on the town  
commons unless they shall make an entry with the  
town clerk of the number of each and make of every  
such beast or creature they shall bring to feed on the  
town commons or all the above or whosoever of every  
such horse kind beast or sheep that is found on the  
town commons and not entered shall be liable to pay  
the order on penalty of ten shillings and to be paid to the  
use of the town

It is ordered that no horse kind but horses for the  
saddle or for the plow shall be allowed to goe upon the  
town commons for the town commons and whosoever shall  
bring in or cause to be brought any horse kind  
beast or sheep into the town to feed on the town  
commons shall be liable to pay the order on penalty of ten  
shillings and to be paid to the use of the town  
that such horse kind shall be found or taken on the  
town commons and whosoever shall be liable to pay the  
order on penalty of ten shillings and to be paid to the  
use of the town  
that is stated or allowed for the town commons shall  
be liable to pay the order on penalty of ten shillings  
and to be paid to the use of the town  
excepting cows and all the town commons  
of five shillings and head and all the town commons  
westward from starknought heath so called to the  
hedge of the witcum and so to the cloven rock so called  
and so to the fence that runs along to the head of  
Gosse how so called between that end the river  
shall square river to be accounted the town commons

that no rain or rains shall be suffered to goe among  
the commons of the town from the twenty eighth day of August  
until the twenty day of November following upon  
the penalty of five shillings for every rain that shall  
be found among the commons on the town commons and if the  
owner of such rain or rains shall refuse to pay the  
penalty aforesaid which penalty shall be to the use of the  
town then such rain or rains shall be for fifth one  
half to the use of the town and the other half to  
him or them that take up such rain or rains  
turn over



It is ordered that no her kind or neat. Excepting —  
Excepting swans shall be put on or suffered to go on  
the Common fields visay & land on the city of Salome  
except for every boat that is found on said fields  
Excepting all Humory Woodbores & swans and one her  
kind of his.

That ten persons Ezechial Holling and Nathanael  
or any two of them and chosen and appointed  
to see to the observance of the severall before mentioned  
orders and to prosecute the breach of the or any  
of them and the penalty for the breach of them or  
any of them the one half parts of it to go to them  
for the prosecuting the breach of them or any of  
them and the other half parts to they come to pay  
into the townes treasurer for the townes use.

Benjamin Haskell Sclert  
Thomas <sup>son</sup> <sub>men</sub>  
Thomas Bight

At a generall Session of ye peace holden at  
Salome June ye 26<sup>th</sup> 170<sup>th</sup>

The foregoing by laws were read considered allowed  
and confirmed and filed up with this Court —  
Records accordingly. Attest Stephen Souall Clerk  
Copia vera Attest Stephen Souall Clerk

At a town meeting in glo. July ye 2<sup>nd</sup> 170<sup>th</sup>  
John Newnam was chosen moderator for the meeting  
That there was three men chosen for a Committee for  
to act in the town behalf concerning the farm  
at West End held by the name of Elymman farm viz —  
Mr John Newnam Mr James Davis and John Parsons  
their instructions being as follows

Decreed that whereas many knights of Salome ye widow & elect  
of Robert Knight late of mactledon in the County of Essex  
in New England have claims to some land in our township  
in right of Mr Richard Elymman which land John Stone  
of liberty is now in the possession of by virtue of his purchase  
which land was formerly granted and laid out by the town of  
Dorchester to several men that had been impress out into ye  
years service in the former war with the Indians many  
at law against Mr John Stone the town having good  
evidence of these things upon their names. appointed in the town  
assembly to treat with the said many knight about the bounds of  
said farm in order to the settling the said difference in land —  
they then agree on ye several things to make a final settlement  
of the bounds of the farm at West End that was formerly  
in Elymman and the Committee are empowered to measure or get  
the farm measured if there be need and if upon the measuring  
said land they find that there be yet four score acres besides  
the little more and the more than the said Committee to  
tender to make up what is wanting of four score acres and  
to make report to the town of these things in the next

At a town meeting in glo. November ye 16<sup>th</sup> 170<sup>th</sup>  
for to choose jury men for the Superior Court which is to sit  
at Salome the 13<sup>th</sup> of this instant November

Deacon James Parsons was chosen moderator for the meet-  
ing. John Sargeant was chosen to serve on the grand  
jury. Mr James Davis Samuel Sargeant and Isaac Ewer  
was chosen to serve on the jury of triers

At a town meeting in glo. November ye 22<sup>nd</sup> 170<sup>th</sup>

for to choose jury men for the quarter sessions and for  
of the as to be holden at Salome the last Tuesday of  
this instant June

Humphrey Woodbury and Edward Harvadam was chosen  
to serve on the grand jury for the year 1706  
and Daniel Gutwidge was chosen to serve on  
the jury of triers this Court

the generall Towne meeting in gloster march 8<sup>th</sup> day 1706  
for the choosing of town officers and what other business may be  
done in said day  
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Deacon James Parsons was chosen moderator for said meeting  
John Dugger Tho: Withem and Joseph Beckley Jr were chosen to  
be the heads of those that voted in said meeting  
the next day was whether there should be two Constables  
those for this year or one and the vote fell it there should  
but one Constable those this year ensuing 1706 to serve  
in the town

This Constable that was chosen was in Aftac Enotots.  
Select men that was chosen at said meeting for the  
year 1706 was as follows  
Capt Nathaniel Coit Lieut John Davis Lie James Davis  
Benjamin Haskell Sr and John King  
Joseph Parsons was chosen to collect and gather the  
minutemen for the year 1706  
Thomas Biggs was chosen town clerk for the year 1706  
Sitting men for the year 1706 were as follows  
John Bray Ezekial Day Lieut. William Parsons

Deacon James Parsons  
Hawk of the market is Capt Joseph Allen for the year 1706  
Surveyors of high ways and borders of fencible parishes  
is moris Smith Thomas Withem Surg: Joseph Beckley 1706  
John Lane John Parsons these were all voted to stand  
in the office they were chosen to serve in  
Sealer of leather Samuel Houghton so was the officer for  
Lie: John Davis was chosen to be teacher and school  
The towns officers above named of whom one out is  
required of did all of them take the oaths to the  
Sabbath officers they were chosen to serve in before the select  
men march the 6<sup>th</sup> day 1706 Excepting the towns  
treasurer

over Seers of the town for this year 1706 is  
William King and Surg: William Haskell  
The town meeting that was chosen at for meeting to draw  
up something to offer to the town at their next meeting  
open the 12<sup>th</sup> of this instant march concerning the  
doff of land the names are as follows  
Lie John Howman Benjamin Haskell Ezekial Adams  
Samuel Sergeant Samuel Stevens

The towns clerk and the towns meeting to see  
how clear the 12<sup>th</sup> day of this instant march to begin  
at eight of the clock in the fore noon being the 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
in March

At the generall Towne meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> day 1706  
voted that the Towne make choice of Capt Joseph Allen  
Lie James Davis and John Parsons to be agents or attorneys for the  
towne in the towne and to be agents or attorneys for the  
person or persons that either have or shall hereafter have any  
common land by building upon it or fencing in any part of it or  
to compound and agree according as may be best for the  
benefit of the said town but not to have power to dispose of  
the fee simple of any land

voted  
that whereas the select men of this town have  
to the day of this instant the year 1704 Levy and cleared the  
way for the inhabitants of this town and given them a  
new road called up to Little Pond so called which way way  
to pass through between the land of Ezekial Adams by his  
house and now being making application to the town for  
redemption and saying that he is likely to be much damaged  
the way where it is lying in an obstruction of the  
road and the town makes choice of Capt Joseph Allen  
Lie James Davis and John Parsons to be agents or attorneys for the  
towne in the towne and to be agents or attorneys for the  
person or persons that either have or shall hereafter have any  
common land by building upon it or fencing in any part of it or  
to compound and agree according as may be best for the  
benefit of the said town but not to have power to dispose of  
the fee simple of any land



the town meeting named ye 1706, the first  
meeting after the inhabitants were settled for locating  
the town. The first meeting was acknowledged what was  
done at the 1st of this last month and accordingly the towns  
met together and did consider and elect of such things  
as was then presented in the meeting.

March the 12th day 1706 being the town meeting  
and what lands was disposed of on that day for money here  
after and the commodity that was chosen in November  
the 9th day 1704 viz of all sorts of iron tools and  
iron and steel in the place they were then meeting to  
and that that had lent ground at this town meeting to act in  
it are the same conditions that is mentioned in that  
record which was made in November of 1704  
against that the petitioners and to be heard this town meeting  
the 1st day of March 1706 and what was put in at this meeting  
is money of bonds.

However Haskell had granted and given him half an acre of  
ground where his house is set up.

Samuel Foster had granted and given him one acre of  
ground on the north side of the falling mill brook  
hindering no high or wide way.

Ground on the South west side of the brook that runs between  
John Longin had granted and given him half an acre of  
ground where his house now stands hindering no way.

John Bonnell had granted and given him half an acre of  
ground or more the right hand side of the mill more between  
Samuel Foster's house and the house of the Widow Hannah Jones  
hindering no way.

John Hammond had granted and given him six acres of  
ground on the north side of the brook where the saw  
mill is set up. It is about the head of the brook and  
all the water upon it is reserved for the use of the town  
and to have liberty to run it off the brook not hindering any  
way.

Samuel Sargeant had granted and given him the land on the  
left hand side of the brook that is now in and plowed out  
wood to be for the use of the town and liberty for those that cut  
the wood in the town to have way to have it out.

William Smith had granted and given him half an acre of  
ground on the north side of the swamp by and upon the hill towards  
his father's house hindering no way for the right hand side  
of the brook down to the water side.

Joseph Johnson and his son Joseph Johnson have for in the  
town of rocks of so well.

John Brown had granted and given him about three quarters of an  
acre of swampy ground below his door below the brook that is now  
cut out of the town so called.

Isaac Sawyer had granted and given him one acre of ground on  
the north side of the mill hill by in the west.

John Curney had granted and given him two acres of swamp which  
is to be his house.

Samuel Witham had granted and given him thirty foot square of  
land on the north side of the land he bought of Andrew  
Johnson to set a house upon.

John Roberts had granted and given him two or three acres of  
ground if it be there to be had lying by the swamp below the bridge  
below Jones bridge hindering no way.

Samuel Johnson had liberty to cut as much timber upon the  
town of Johnson about the brook as will be sufficient to repair  
the brook with that being a show in little garden.

John Roberts had granted and given him a parcel of the flats  
below where he built a house so much as the said section and  
the brook runs upon.

Joseph Johnson had granted and given him a half an acre  
of ground in the bottom on the north side of the way over  
against where he hath plowed a young oakwood and left  
to the commodity that is to clear the way and the neighbour  
to set out.

Joseph Johnson had granted and given him one acre  
and quarters of ground upon the right hand of the way  
that leads to the swamp adjoining to his own marsh  
hindering no way.





voated that the select men of the town should provide to order  
the ferry for the keeping of the ferry between the town and  
Sammels Neck so that the ferry should be kept to ferry  
all small boats so that the town should be able to ferry  
new comers by the ferry through the neglect of the select  
men and so as his to have the benefit for ever of the  
ferry or so long as it is continued to be a ferry

voated in the town meeting to adjourn the town  
meeting till the next day to begin all eight of the clock  
in the morning which will be the 4 day of march 1706  
to hear those petitions that way then presented  
to the town

voated that what land shall be granted all this  
town meeting to any person or persons the said land  
shall be laid out and the price stated by the committee  
of the town for that service and the money said into  
the town treasury for the town's use or supply  
given for the payment of the same within three months  
after the granting of the same or else the grant to  
be void and the persons that have the land granted  
to them to be all the charges of laying out and according  
the benefit of any land granted to him or them  
this was affirmed by the vote

voated to singe of the town to lay out and bound and state  
the price of what land shall be granted all this town  
meeting and the committee that was chosen for that  
service was Lie James Davis Ezekiel Collins John King

what land hath been granted all the town meeting  
in march 1706 and the days 1706

Samuel Ingelsall so had granted him half an acre of  
ground if it be there to be had by the landing place  
where he does now build not to diminish the way  
for a dunge had granted him seven or eight acres of  
ground upon the high hill behind his house and the road  
that is going upon it now is reserved for the town  
not hindring any highway

Thomas Gray had granted him one acre of ground  
adjoining to the Little house he bought of Joseph Day  
Samuel Ingelsall had granted him one acre of ground  
adjoining to his own land and not to  
James Wallis had granted him that small parcel  
of rocky land that was some his own land and not to  
any of the town white land hindring no highway

John Davis had granted to him 2 or 3 acres of land  
upon the easterly side of his land again the way  
to his out the bridge of his land and his own to  
Samuel Griffin had granted him a parcel of upland  
where he hath set his house so much as the neighbors  
need think may be spared hindring no highway

Samuel Griffin had granted him 3 or 4 acres of ground  
upon the south side of his pasture land and his own to  
David Davis had granted him 3 or 4 acres of ground upon  
the easterly side of the road called Walker's road hindring  
the way of the road called Walker's road hindring no highway

Ezekiel Collins had granted him 4 rods of ground to  
set a house upon the south side of the way that leads  
to John Darnley and upon the southwest side of the hill  
by his house of twenty foot in width and twenty foot in  
length hindring no highway

John Haskell had granted to him six acres of ground  
upon the south side of the road called Walker's road hindring  
the way of the road called Walker's road hindring no highway

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Nathaniel Millett had granted him 2 or 3 acres of land  
 to the south end of the pette which is the front to the river  
 to Thomas millets at Lotts house hindoring no high way  
 Samuel Roberts had granted him 2 or 3 acres of land on  
 the southern side of the town pette a little above y  
 house that was Michael Sanders hindoring no high way  
 John Roberts Jr had granted to him half an acre of  
 ground at the north end of his own land leaving  
 sufficient high way  
 Henry Louking had granted to him three acres of ground  
 about the pette before his fathers Loukings house of his  
 dwelling house  
 Nicholas owning here half an acre of ground  
 granted to him for his and his wifes lifetime to make  
 use of where his house now stand hindoring no high  
 way and then to return to the town again  
 Benjamin Hopkin had granted to him four acres of ground  
 on the west side of gullys folly brook so called and  
 southward of the house he now dwelt. But not to hinder  
 any high way or watering place  
 John Haskell Jr had granted him as much of the swampy  
 ground that lyeth by the half acre of upland ground  
 given to his grand father Haskell so  
 much of the swampy ground as the County shall see  
 convenient shall be given hindoring no high way nor  
 watering place  
 John marviner Jr had granted him half an acre of  
 ground where his house now stands hindoring no high  
 way and 4 or 5 acres of swamp about the long bridge  
 Benjamin Loukin had granted to him 2 or 3 acres of upland  
 lying near the land of Deacon Joseph Haskell and on the west  
 side of the old swamp brook  
 John Babson his request was granted for 40 Aers for  
 seven years and 1/2 acres of ground adjoining to his  
 own land which lyeth at straits mouth so  
 as the County and the Babson shall agree for 40 years  
 for 40 years and the wood to be reserved for the use  
 of the town and not to be disposed of without the towns  
 consent  
 Joseph Day Jr had granted him six acres of ground  
 lying between the County road near the house  
 of James Day Jr going to Sallons and the long hill  
 that lyeth by Nathaniel millets hindoring no high  
 way  
 The Day Jr had granted to him 4 or 5 acres of ground  
 lying to the north west side of Norwicks mill pond  
 between the swamp and Sallons pette  
 Nathaniel Day Jr had granted him 6 or 7 acres of  
 ground or what of land he pleased where his house  
 is set up hindoring not the way  
 John Day paying three shillings to the town  
 treasurer for a pine tree he had cut in the town  
 land without liberty is acquitted for the town part and  
 to satisfy the County as he and they are agreed  
 Richard Town had granted to him 4 or 5 acres of ground  
 lying to the west of his own land between the way and the  
 brook  
 Josiah Kent had given him one acre of land between  
 Richard Boyles and the hill not to sell or dispose of it but  
 to keep it for himself and his  
 Daniel King had a small parcel of land granted him  
 to set a house upon of 20 foot by 12 yard near his own  
 land upon the south side of the high way  
 John Lane Sr and Benjamin Harwood had granted to  
 them a small swamp of about seven or eight  
 Aers lying upon the south side of the pette going  
 to Lion hill  
 Thomas Witham had granted to him about 1/2  
 acre of upland that lyeth between the river  
 the bridge and so along by the meadow beginning at  
 out first if there be so much land there as  
 to set out the wood and then to be reserved  
 for the towns use

Andy bay



...one acre of ground adjoining  
to the north west of the land where his house standeth  
...granted to him one acre of ground where  
his house is set up.  
...he had granted him six acres of ground lying on  
the northern side and Easter end of his land adjoining to  
the way and the wood to be for the use of the Inhabitants

...he granted to him one acre of ground  
lying on the upper side of the way that goeth to his house  
this acre of land here mentioned it lieth on the back side  
of the house of rock by his house

...he had granted to him four acres of ground  
about the long bridge adjoining to John marriens that  
was granted to him

...he had granted to him six acres of ground lying  
by the Swamps of his brother Thomas Round hinder no high way an  
the way is reserved for the use of the town  
...he had granted to him one quarter of  
an acre of ground lying by the back side of his house

Thomas Sawyer had granted to him two acres of  
ground adjoining to the upper end of his land which  
heine lyeth to the north east of the great swamp

John butman had granted to him two acres of  
ground upon the southerly side of the head of lob  
star and so &c. upon the hill called pines hill

Robert Elwell had liberty at the towns meeting to cut  
fourteen cords of wood upon the town of pines hill

In list of five wood he hath bought that he got of his own  
land samuell shubert is appointed to the town meeting to  
be brought to the meeting and to Elwell to pay him for it  
...he had liberty to cut of what wood it may be convenient  
for the meeting and to put his house on  
the south side

James persons John pool John persons samuell shubert  
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10th June 1707 ... that there shall be a great ... of the town ...  
the land of ... on the north ...  
leading towards Little Godsham ...  
... for half an acre of land which is ...  
... on the northwardly side of it ...  
high way and also that the town will sell him ...  
... and more joining to the said half acre on the northwardly  
side of the aforesaid high way near the land of the aforesaid  
... if there can be so much spared and not to  
diminish the high way

11th June 1707 ... that ye select men shall buy out ...  
... house or land ...  
... by the gift mill ...  
John Dyer ... to exchange half an acre of ground  
of his own land ... on the water side to lay it down to  
... and to have half an acre of the town's common land  
on the easterly side of his own land or what can be spared  
the neighbours ...

12th June 1707 ... Robinson twenty to ...  
of the ... on the water side of the place where ...  
... built the ... and is now ...  
... the easterly side of the land of William Sargeant ...  
hindering no high way

13th June 1707 ... select men ...  
it was left to the select men to ...  
... for his going to ... for the ...  
... the man that was took by ... by the ...

14th June 1707 ... Margaret ...  
... to ... widow had granted to ...  
... land to ... house ...  
... the road of John Dyer ...  
... to return to the town ...  
... the ... of ...  
... side of ...  
... upon that side of ...

15th June 1707 ... William Dogswell and John Bray ...  
... to ...  
... that Francis ...  
... not to take more than one ...  
... of ...

16th June 1707 ... the town meeting November 24th 1707 ...  
... the ...  
... the 24th of this instant November 1707 ...  
... the year 1708 and Francis James and Abraham Sawyer  
were chosen to ...

17th June 1707 ... the 26th of 1707/8 for to make choice of ...  
... to take an ...  
... that is ...

18th June 1707 ... James Davis was chosen moderator for ...  
... to ...  
... and making of the ...  
... to the ...

19th June 1707 ... the men that were chosen ...  
... as follows ...  
... John ...  
... Thomas Bray ...

20th June 1707 ... Margaret ...  
... to ...  
... to ...  
... for to ...  
... and to ...  
... will by the last day of February next  
... if not the grant to be ...

At the town meeting in glocester January 26<sup>th</sup> day 1707  
given and granted to Benjamin Rogers the land where his  
house is erected upon it being the town & common land but now  
given to him for his own land and the common land about the  
said house to the edge of the Swamp; which is near the house to  
him and his heirs for ever  
voted and meeting that the way that goes down from  
Abraham Robinson and his son Andrew Robinson there have  
down to the head of the Swamp along by the side of the  
of John Smith's land and is between the said Swamp and the  
land is reserved for a private way for those that the  
excursion to make use of it

26<sup>th</sup> January 1707/8  
that whereas the town of Glocester meeting January 19 1707  
last past did order that the select men should lay  
out a private high way from the graven pit at the  
eastwardly end of the grist mill dam to the land of  
Samuel got near his now dwelling house and the  
said select men having proceeded in laying out said  
way and finding that it must go over some of the  
persons property it is ordered and the select men are  
authorized to acquire and make such proper such  
rational satisfaction out of the town's common land  
now or to joining to their own land as the said select  
men may think necessary for the said ways going over  
their land

At the general town meeting in glocester march 22<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
days 1707/8 for the choosing of town officers and  
what other business the freeholders and other inhabitants  
qualified for voting may think good to elect on said  
days Ld. James Davis was chosen moderator for  
said meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> vote to choose three men to tell the  
books William Sargent for William King and John Dings  
3<sup>rd</sup> vote that there should be two constables for the year was

constables for the year 1708  
is Ez. Kitchell and John Dings

John Newman Esq. & Capt Joseph Allen select  
for the year 1708  
for the year 1708  
John Gray John Brown & anything man for the year 1708  
Timothy Day James Wallis  
Capt. Joseph Allen & others of the market for the year 1708  
Timothy Day & Joseph Gendner Surveyors of highways  
John Gray John Lein & and Surveyors of Francis: 1708  
School of Bathor Samuel Hodgkins for the year 1708  
Thomas Dings & town clerk for the year 1708  
Elder James Parsons town treasurer for the year 1708  
Ld: John Davis & Fisher and Fuller for the year 1708  
overseers of the poor Capt Nathaniel Dait Timothy  
Day and John Mitchell &

voted that it is left to the select men to choose  
a location for to ring the bell and erect the meeting  
house and what is to be done that concerns his place  
he is chosen to and to agree with him by the year  
for his payment for the service  
the town meeting was adjourned from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of march  
1707/8 till the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the same month being next day

voted that there shall be a pro-motory Chalm to pro-  
vide the breadth of all town's orders that have a shall  
be made & of the town's common land by falling  
or cutting any wood or timber since the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
march 1706/7 upon the town's common's contrary to the  
laws of the province or the town's acts

the committee that was chosen at said meeting to  
prosecute are as followeth viz. Sen John Parsons  
Sen. Joseph Raskell and John Dings

voted that the select men of this town of glocester  
have no power to dispose of any timber to be taken  
out of the town's either directly or indirectly  
for this present year 1708 in being

voted that the reverent Mr. John White shall  
have his yearly salary paid quarterly

Amicably  
voted that the ministers vote for his salary shall  
be made by the select men annually at the begin-  
ning of the first quarter or the beginning of the second  
quarter yearly annually in manner



vote that it is left to the select men of this town  
for to give a school house built upon the towns account  
according to their best description for the towns —  
in defiance

voted that the town will not stand by the  
select men in laying out a private high way —  
through a field in the possession of his James Davis  
between the said Davis his house and the graving  
pit

voted the town make choice of say Joseph Allen  
Capt Nathl. Pitt and his James Davis to be a committee  
to examine into the claims of John Appleton  
and Jonathan and John Cogswell as to the common rights  
which they lay claim to in our town and hear the  
propositions that they have to make to acquire their  
rights or claims and to make reports there to the  
town the above named persons to be all the charges  
of said committee

Thomas Wilgum had granted liberty to him to  
fence a cross the way and to make a gate  
at the Bealer dam to keep his shop from going

voted that the town make a fence of saw John  
persons say: Joseph Haskell and John Duggs or any  
two of them to be a committee fully empowered on  
the towns behalf to prosecute any person or persons  
since the third of march 1706/7 that either have or

shall trespass on the towns common land by falling or  
cutting any wood or timber on the same contrary  
to the laws of the province or the towns orders and

the penalty for the breach of any such law or towns  
order to be for the use of the town and to be paid  
into the towns treasury for the use of said town

voted that the committee appointed for the prosecuting  
of any person or persons that have or shall  
trespass on the towns common land by selling or putting  
any wood or timber shall have such reasonable satisfaction  
or that trouble and pains in the matter as the  
select men for time being shall think fit not exceeding  
the one half of the penalty that they shall recover

at the town meeting in Gloucester may ye 30 day 1708  
for to give a representative for to serve at the general  
court in the year 1708 and what other business the town  
shall think meet to be done

1<sup>st</sup> vote that James Davis was chosen moderator for the meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> vote that James Davis was by process chosen a representative  
to present the town in the great and general court to  
be holden in Boston in ye year 1708

3<sup>rd</sup> vote that there shall be a committee chosen to regulate the  
seating of the meeting house

4<sup>th</sup> vote that there should be but three men chosen to regulate  
and no more for the regulating and seating of the meeting  
house and the men that was chosen for by service and by  
showing John Newman by Capt Joseph Allen his James Davis

vote that Capt Joseph Allen and John Day had liberty given  
from the meeting house given to the town of John Duggs and  
by the end of June next for so long time as the town  
shall think meet

vote that John Duggs and William Haskell Jr had liberty given  
from the town at said meeting to set by a gate by John  
Duggs his house for five months time

vote that the town gave power to the select men to petition the  
general court for great guns and other fortifications

vote that the town gave power to the select men to petition  
the general court for a drum back of the last fire

2<sup>nd</sup> vote that was taken by the English and Commissioners  
that was then on at the town meeting January 20 1708

77 at the town meeting on May 30 1708  
Voted that the town land lying between the meeting house garden  
and the saw mill standing on the river or stream called Saw mill  
river that has been made use of and improved along to and from  
the said meeting house garden to the said saw mill along between  
land now in the possession of Capt Joseph Allen John fitch George  
Harbo and the heirs of the heirs of John Starnwood late of  
Gloucester deceased and the heirs of John and Joseph Day and  
between the land of the heirs of Thomas millott late of  
Gloucester deceased and the said saw mill river is hereby  
reserved for a high way till such time as the town shall  
see cause to make an alteration of said way

Voted also the town common from the meeting house  
garden between the land of Capt Joseph Allen and John  
Allen jun and the land of John Sargeant sen and John  
fitch and the heirs of Isaac endleth and George Harbo sen  
and Capt Joseph Allen and so along on the westwardly  
side of the land of the aforesaid John fitch and the heirs  
of the heirs of this aforesaid John Starnwood deceased and so  
by the land of John Day as the fence now stands is  
reserved for a town high way and to be three  
in width against the westwardly end of the aforesaid  
John fitch and the heirs of John Starnwood and John  
Days land till it comes into the way leading along  
to the saw mill between the land of John Day by his  
now dwelling house

Voted at the above so meeting that Capt Joseph Allen  
Capt Nathaniel Carter and Thomas Higgs so was chosen  
to be a committee still as they had formerly been a  
committee to receive the claims of the commoners  
knowing how many common rights every commoner  
unto and now to receive the claims of those commoners  
that did not then appear and how many commoners  
every one layeth claims unto and to make report to the  
town

At the town meeting at Gloucester on 22 1708  
for choosing of messengers to go to the court to be holden  
at Salem the 27th of this instant June and went  
and what other business should be said of or the town  
to do on said day

Esqrs Nathaniel Carter was chosen moderator for the meeting  
the highway that was chosen to serve in Salem and  
was William Sargeant and Benjamin Lough  
to tell the voters what was to be done. Thomas William and  
Voted that the messengers and his sons the said and  
and Nathaniel Carter and his sons the said and  
and to them to go to the court at Salem and  
the land that the commoners lay out for them by way  
of the westwardly side of said road and to be three  
in width

Samuel Sargeant and Liberty to go to the  
at the next session of the court to be holden at  
Salem and to receive the claims of the commoners  
Voted that the select men in behalf of the town do  
signify to the court the honourable for receiving the  
claims of the commoners of the peace at Salem  
next August of this instant year that the town will  
pay two hundred of pounds for the entertainment of the  
this town for the present

Voted that the school should be removed to Squam  
or body near so called five months every two years  
Voted that the salary of this town should be continued  
for this year next ensuing for the maintenance of a  
school master

Voted that the committee of the court should be chosen to be  
for the laying out of the common land that was then  
granted shall lay out a lot of land to the heirs of  
the common right that is to be laid out for them by way  
of the westwardly side of the common and according  
to it

Voted that Timothy Fay so had a common right  
given to him

Voted that the town will dispossess of the common  
thatch banks

Voted that there shall be five men chosen to be a  
committee to lay out the common thatch banks and the  
part of them and the names of those men were  
chosen at this town meeting to be the committee to  
lay out the common thatch banks and to follow  
Esqrs Nathaniel Carter and Benjamin Lough  
Samuel Sargeant and Liberty to go to the court





79) At the town meeting in glocester december 5<sup>th</sup> 1708 1708  
1<sup>st</sup> vote List James Davis was chosen moderator for the said meeting  
2<sup>d</sup> vote to charge men to tell the hands by vote that names are of  
men that was chosen to tell the hands by vote that names are of  
follows viz Capt John Herward Thomas witheridge and Christo men  
persons? to vote that the towns in said meeting and Christo men  
to make the lots that is to be drawn by those that are to have  
the lots that is made and laid out by the Committee therefore  
appointed and chosen for that service 6<sup>th</sup> vote all the people and also  
all the tobacco side all the town meeting in glocester June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1708  
voted that there shall be but three men chosen to make  
the lots

3<sup>d</sup> John now man Capt Joseph allin and Capt Nathaniel  
Doit 6<sup>th</sup> vote a protest against the irregularity of this  
meeting  
voted that the Committee which is chosen all the meeting  
to make the lots are named as follows viz Elder James persons  
Lio: John Davis Samuel Sargeant

the towns did adjourn the town meeting till this day  
fourth night which will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of this instant  
December to begin all 3<sup>rd</sup> 1708 the stock in the morning

At the town meeting in glocester for to choose Jurors  
the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1708 by warrant sent by upon the meeting  
house door and the towns had chosen for the town meeting  
from the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1708 to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the same  
month of December

Lieut James Davis being moderator both days of said meeting  
Thomas High her was chosen to serve on the grand jury  
the year ensuing and Joseph allin her and Ebenezer  
Davis was chosen to serve on the jury of tryall all the  
County of place the last Tuesday of this instant December 1708

At the town meeting in glocester January 24<sup>th</sup> day 1708  
1<sup>st</sup> vote to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> vote Abraham Robinson was chosen moderator for said meeting  
3<sup>d</sup> vote the men that was to tell the hands all said meeting which  
was held by one of follows viz Thomas Sawyer John Dugges  
and Joseph York

4<sup>th</sup> vote that there shall be two men chosen to be found to if  
Committee that was now chosen again all the town meeting  
in may this 3<sup>rd</sup> day 1708 for to receive the other claims  
of the town that says claims to Common Right and the men if  
were chosen viz was Samuel Sargeant and John Davis

5<sup>th</sup> vote that the Committee that was formerly chosen to  
decide the after claims with these two men that is chosen  
to them to act concerning the other claims of Common  
Right have full power given to them in this said town  
meeting to record in the town book of records for land to yet  
person in possession of houses or land that do lay claims  
to of Common Right in our town ship to entered to him  
town book of records of record before and where the Common Right

6<sup>th</sup> vote to whom they are entered  
voted that the towns will stand by the Committee that was  
chosen to lay out the lots that was granted all the towns and  
the tobacco side for it yet said Committee had sent by a notice  
that those that were to draw lots for the lots that were laid  
out by the Committee all the towns and the tobacco side there  
was 34 hands held up for to stand by yet said Committee and there  
was 7 hands held up to the contrary  
Capt Joseph allin Capt Nathaniel Doit and Lieut James Davis  
did enter a protest after the sixth vote was voted against  
the said vote

At a meeting of the proprietors of glocester according  
to the notification sent by by order of the Committee chosen  
the hands of power 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 30<sup>th</sup> 1708  
to give warning to all those that were qualified to draw  
lots according to the town grant to meet together the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of this instant January at the house of Mr George Harrow and  
accordingly they did and did remove themselves the same  
day to the meeting house and did choose Elder James persons  
to be moderator for said meeting

voted that Thomas Sawyer John Dugges and Joseph York  
were the three men that are chosen to tell the hands yet  
was held up by way of voting in said meeting for it yet  
voted that Samuel Sargeant and Lieut James Davis are  
chosen to judge with the Committee that was formerly  
chosen

voted that the lot such rights as are in controversy  
by persons in the towns that the lot be recorded to the Common  
Right and not to other persons Controversing the right

7<sup>th</sup> vote then turn over for the rest that was voted all the meeting  
The commoners had liberty to record in the town book



at the meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> 1708/9

Voted that Capt James Davis and Capt John Steward  
was chosen to hold the lands put the lots in for men to  
draw there lots out of

Voted that wheras at the towns meeting in Glocester June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
that the thatch banks should be equally divided and 1708

Let every person to know his or her right upon further  
meeting here in Glocester January 24<sup>th</sup> 1708/9 this about

Vote was enlarged that the Comitty appointed for  
Laying out of our thatch banks have full power to assign

unto every person whose meadow or tyeys convenient unto  
said thatch banks his or her parts or shares of said Comitty

and those concerned shall agree for quantity and quality  
and also to accommodate the tobacco people with the demon

banks which are there in the back river at the demon  
tion of said Comitty or minor part of them

Voted that every person that have more rights than one  
shall have two lots in this draught if there be enough

Let out if not to be accommodated in some other place at  
the discretion of the Comitty that have laid out ye above

said land and those yt have half or a quarter of right have  
proportionable provided provided they make out their right

within one month after the date hereof provided that  
the single demands shall draw there lots first

provided yt has or they that have more than two rights  
shall have no recompence for more than two rights

Voted that what lots is left when every man have drawn  
his lot at the staps and the tobacco side to be left in the

hands of the town clerk to keep untill such time as  
there is execution for them

At the generall towns meeting held in Glocester the  
first day of march 1708/9 for the choosing of towns officers

and what other business may be laid before the towns  
Ellder James Sayward was chosen moderator for sd day

the men that was chosen to tell the hands of those yt  
did vote at said meeting was John Brown Ezekial Ward

John Sawyer the Constable that was chosen to  
serve in Glocester for the year 1709

the select men that was chosen  
at said meeting for to serve in ye

year 1709 were John Brown Ezekial Ward  
John Sawyer

Lieut. John Davis Joseph Persons  
Ezekial Walling Scitell Sargent

Thomas Biggs was chosen town clerk  
John Persons was chosen town treasurer

Surveyors of high ways and bowels  
of houses

for 5 months Joseph Gardner  
John Lane Jonathan Springer

Thomas Millett sawe  
Nothing more for.

the year 1709 is John Durgoe Samuell Stibbons  
Hearc Ewlett John Brown

clerk of the market is Capt Joseph Wallin Scaller of Lether is

over seers of the poore Samuell Hodgkins sawe

is John Norman Hearc Ewlett Thomas William  
Fuller packer and is Lieut. John Davis

Voted that the towns did receive the one half  
part of the bond that Lieut John Davis had given to ye

towns treasurer concerning rates

Voted that John Stanwood had liberty for this year 1709  
to sell of goods when they were sold up in the

year 1708 and to make them sufficient to open and  
shut

17) At the towns meeting in glocester April ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1709  
18) The Elder James Parsons was chosen moderator for the meeting  
Sly voted that the freeholders and proprietors of the town of  
Glocester which appeared at said meeting gave the select  
men of glocester power to call to the inhabitant who are  
retained by law each one there due proportion to amount  
rate for the year 1709 of one hundred and twenty pounds  
for to defray the towns debts and engagements  
Sly voted it is left to the select men of the town  
to take care concerning the schools

At the towns meeting in glocester may 24<sup>th</sup> 1709  
for to choose a representative for the ensuing year  
19) The Elder James Parsons was chosen moderator for the meeting  
20) It was Lis James Davis was elected chosen and deputized  
by proxis representatives to present the town in the great  
and generall courts this ensuing year  
At the towns meeting in glocester June 20<sup>th</sup> 1709  
for to choose one man to serve on the jury of tryalls at the  
next courts of pleas to be holden at salom the last Tuesday  
of this instant June & Anthony Bonst was chosen to serve at  
said courts

At the towns meeting in glo: December 19<sup>th</sup> 1709  
for the choosing of jury men for salom courts and  
what other business may be laid before the town  
on said day  
19) Elder James Scyward was chosen moderator for  
said meeting  
21) Thomas Witham was chosen to serve on the  
great jury for the year ensuing  
Sly Nathanael Sargeant was chosen to be holden  
on the jury of tryalls at the courts to be holden  
at salom the last Tuesday of this instant December  
Lis John Davis adding that there was something  
considerable due to him from the town for services  
that he had formerly done for the town the town  
made choice of John Witham Esq. except Joseph Allen  
and John Sargeant so by doct to forme with the select  
men as a committee to examine the said Davis  
accrues and to allow what may be thought to be due  
just and equall and to be discounted out of the  
mony which said Davis is indebted to the town by  
obligation and finally to find the said difference  
and controversy;

At the generall towns meeting in glocester march 11<sup>th</sup> 1709  
for the choice of town officers to serve in the year 1710 and  
what other business may be laid before the town on said day  
19) The Elder James Davis was chosen moderator for the day  
and meeting. 20) Constables chosen at the meeting above  
said to serve in the year 1710 Joseph Harraden and the said Har-  
aden with William Sargeant for to serve in his stead in the  
place of constable for the above said year and in the said  
meeting the freeholders did by way of vote confirm the  
said Sargeant to be constable in the rooms and stand of  
the said Joseph Harraden. 21) Select men for the year 1710  
are as follows Don Benjamin Haskell Joseph Parsons  
Thomas Bray so Lis John Davis and Senr. Isaac Ewer  
Town treasurer is Senr. John Parsons  
Town clerk Thomas Bigg so. Clerk of the market  
for to sell weights and measures is Senr. Joseph Allen  
Surveyors of High ways and bowas of fences  
is John Day so Stephen How William King John Leno so  
Sauler of leather of leather Samuel Haskell John Leno so  
is Humphrey Woodbury John Bray so Joseph Days and  
Anthony Bonst. Over Seers of the Law  
is Senr. Nathanael Ouit Don Benjamin Haskell  
and John Dugger so Edward Collins  
voted at the towns meeting above said that the  
select of the town shall publish in convenient  
time the towns orders or by lawes  
the fashion that the inhabitant of glocester who are  
inhabit on the wester side of squameter and Lifford  
so called was exhibited to the town at the above  
meeting march 7<sup>th</sup> 1709/10 for giving to sett or meeting  
brook upon of the towns common lands the said petition  
was left and nothing done but is to lay upon further  
consideration to the next generall town meeting  
turne over for the remainder



the request of the reber in 1621

the request of the voter. In John White's deed was read  
in the town meeting concerning a small parcel of land  
between the meeting house and the brook to sell a house upon  
or what seem to be upon leaving a sufficient strip of  
land on the brow of the hill and it is left to the committee  
of five men that were left chosen to lay out said land  
and to agree for the price of it  
Voted that it is left to the five men committee to lay  
out about 2 rods of ground at the desire of the neighbors  
viz Ed James Sayward Sh: William Steven Law & John  
Pollard John Brown James Robinson near the head of ye  
harbour or Court wharve to sell by auction for a school  
house to buy Schoolin to locate children the to vote  
and sell

whereof Joseph York and Abraham Robinson did petition  
the town that there might be granted upon a certain  
account about three quarters of an acre of ground upon  
the northeast side of Plum Pond for to try whelks  
ye in and it is voted in said meeting that for the  
encouragement of any person or persons that shall fish  
out on a wharfing sign in the township of Gloucester  
that there shall be three quarters of an acre of land  
be laid out on the northeast side of Plum Pond so called to  
be improved for any good for trying of whelks in and  
any person or persons belonging to the town that shall bring  
any whelks or whelks in to town shall have free liberty  
to make use of said land  
granted and given the land being taken and that Benjamin Longfellow  
set aside upon on the other side of the way as in his own land  
he had of the town leaving sold the said house and land to  
thence adjoining all the land that the said dwelling house beaver  
upon so much of the land do the town the town do  
to the said adjoining  
granted to and John Newman a strip of granted land  
lying on the southwesterly side of the brook coming  
down from his falling mill

At the town-meeting in Gloucester May 16<sup>th</sup> 1710

way to make choice of a representative for to represent  
the town at the great and general court or assembly  
in the year 1710 and what other business the town shall  
do most to act on 5<sup>th</sup> day

1<sup>st</sup> book Mr James Parsons was chosen moderator for Sunday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr James Parsons by-proxy was chosen for the 1<sup>st</sup> of the  
for the 1<sup>st</sup> of the

July 4 is granted that the select men of the town Rutledge of one hundred and sixty pounds for to carry the town debt and giving charge of for this year 1780

now in being that of the said men take down that ye witnesses  
the same shall in husbandry among some which was done by ye  
said men that the town of Boston in that behalf and signed with  
ye witnesses and the owner and possession of the same and  
of the said men will be made to clear the same and goals of  
the same

highly it is lost to the satisfaction of the instrument it  
determines at what time or times the time is appointed

1794 is located at the select men shall lay or cause to be laid out from the white oak tree on the end of the beach called mayors track which is the point type between in each other and gloster with extending place which is a very narrow way and said beach by to Selma way where the way is not cut off and to order the surveyors of Glady to open said way and to draw that out of the way of the incumbrances that may clay will be obstructing or seems to be a way

the said land and land for the town of Guy  
had been a private property to the effect of his father's will  
and made over for debt by the said land had been had by  
William Hall.

8thly it is granted that the Soldier must & George have full power  
half full nine or ten pounds out of the town rate or in kind  
or both for the house and lands and all things belonging  
to the said house and lands which was formerly the  
house of the said and to take money for the same  
in the behalf of the town and for the town and  
3/4 of an acre of land for the town and

3/4 of an Acre of land left at plumb cove for the Whale Fishery

At the town meeting in Gloucester June 20<sup>th</sup> 1710  
for to Chuse anan to serve on the jury of tryalls att said  
Court of this instant time  
and John Sergeant senior was chosen to serve in ye  
jury of tryalls att said Court in Salem

At the town meeting in Gloucester December 19<sup>th</sup> 1710  
for to Chuse two jury men one to serve on the grand jury  
for the year ensuing and the other for to serve on the  
jury of tryalls att the Court of Pleas the least bidder  
of this instant December  
Timothy Dey senior was chosen to serve on the grand  
jury and said Dey senior all the to serve on the jury of tryalls

At the generall town meeting in Gloucester March 16<sup>th</sup> 1711  
Deeds 1710/11 for choosing town officers and what other business  
may be done before the first of April and present on said day

Major James Dabbs was chosen moderator for said meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> the select men their was chosen to serve for the year  
ensuing was Capt Joseph Culin Joseph Purse & the former  
to John Dabbs Thomas Wigham town clerk Thomas Dyer  
Surveyors of high ways and Leases of lands is

John Dey & William Dyer John Brown

Sitting men is

John Gray Richard Docter Samuel Stevens Samuel York  
Constables Francis Norwood and Christopher Sewall

and William Sergeant all were hired by the said Norwood to  
serve in his name and upon their agreement the town did  
consent to it and then the town chose the said Sergeant to  
be Constable in the stead of said Norwood and for him  
Speaker of Water of Water his jurisdiction

Edward Townsley Ser

At the town meeting in Gloucester June 20<sup>th</sup> 1710  
that henceforward there had been more light on  
timor shall be out and cleared out of town for the  
common and that is by on the eastern point so &c  
At the town meeting in Gloucester 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1711  
meeting to make distinction to the town of the said  
their said time and one necessary for the good of the town and  
to preserve the property for the town and to appoint  
men for the prosecution of the said  
it is ordered that the town meeting be adjourned from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June  
1710/11 to the next day being the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1711  
of the clock in the forenoon

In answer to the action of our brethren and friends and  
that line on the westerly side of Squam river so &c  
and on the north westerly side of the head of the river  
below that there should be a line between the town of  
Gloucester and the town of Andover the line that is  
exhibited and put in to the town meeting by our friends and  
bears that our inhabitants by on the westerly side of every  
Squam river and on the north westerly side of the head of the  
river the names of those men that was chosen to be the Constable  
and as followeth John Newman Esq Elder James Seymour  
and James Person by on the easterly side of Squam river and  
Thomas Bray and Isaac Eudott on the westerly  
side of Squam river and the conclusion of the Constable  
which the town did confirm by vote is as followeth  
That the select men in agreement with school master  
take care and labour to get out a man as may be  
in some measure suitable to the quality of the land  
our reverent pastor for the year ensuing the word to an  
neighbour on the Lord's day for about three or four months  
in the winter season in some convenient place that  
the major parts of the inhabitants may agree to meet at  
and that the said school master be paid for his service out  
of the town's treasury of this town and this agreement  
the town shall so &c cause to allow or grant them  
further liberty or privilege

Dated on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June

turn over for the vest



At the general town meeting march the 6th and 7th day of April in the  
of the 5th for m 1716/17

whereas Jacob Davis bought the house and land of his  
uncle Richard adding with a common right belonging to the same  
and so sold the said house and land and a common right  
with it unto Samuel King and providing that no common  
right did belong to the said house and land at this town  
meeting the said said Jacob Davis did make request  
in the town meeting to grant to him a common right  
to belong to the said house and land which he had sold to the  
said King with what division of land did belong to a common  
right and the town in said meeting gave a common right  
to belong to a common right of our years before this day and  
did also ex parte him left in the meeting not to trouble  
said Davis no more concerning the said common right but  
set down granted in what was done by the town in the  
year to the heirs of William Every deceased one common  
right

whereas Joseph Collins and Job Furbur had liberty given  
to them to cut all manner of wood to lay on the town  
common to be carried to the said mill to be sawn into boards  
and will make each of them five thousand feet of boards  
for to be for that year also about the 10th day in the town  
and if they do not cut the said logs within one year after  
this day then the said grant to be null and void the giving  
security that the boards shall be brought and lay down in  
the town

Ordered that those that have their share to the school  
for the school master to teach shall pay towards the wages  
of the school master according to the usual custom for this  
year to lay on to wood and write more than three proportion  
of the said school master wages  
above that the garden tract shall be fallen for fire wood either  
upon the east or west side of the water side of square  
until this 10th of December

granted to the reverent Mr John White at the  
said meeting a small Island of the catch Banks situated  
in the said Island distant from the Island of England and  
named by the name of middle Island with the southerly end  
of the said Island being about one acre and the said  
John White did accept of said Island of the catch Banks  
and his portion of his two common rights of what division  
to rise in the common catch Banks for his share and  
proportion

At the town meeting in Gloucester m 1717/18 for to  
choose a representative and other business that was laid before  
the town to do

1st vote Elder James person was chosen moderator for the  
meeting

2d vote Elder James person was chosen by proxy  
representative for the year ensuing

3d by the selectmen at this town meeting full power  
given them by vote to make a town rate for  
of any the town charges and debts the sum of  
one hundred and sixty pounds for this year 1717

At the town meeting in Gloucester December 11 1717  
whereas person was chosen moderator for said meeting

select Joseph Collins chosen as an agent for the town to  
confer with the town presentment at the next general  
sessions of the peace to be held at Salem for this  
county of Essex on the last Friday of this instant for  
want of a school master

John Lewis was chosen for grand jury man for the  
year ensuing

David Emerson Robinson chosen to  
serve on the jury of tryall at the next inferior court  
of common pleas to be held at Salem the last  
Friday of this instant December

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for the chusing of towne officers and what other busyness the towne  
may thinke meete doe on said day  
1st vote Ezechiel Pellins was chosen moderator for said meeting  
2dly Thomas Rigg for Thomas pensers and Francis James was  
chosen to tell the booke

Thomas Rigg so was chosen towne clerk  
select men for said year  
Beniamin Haskell so Thomas Bray so  
Ezechiel Pellins George Giddings  
constables for the year ensuing 1712  
Stephen Row John Sawyer

Sor buyers of high ways and Viewers of houses  
Thomas Rigg for Samuell got william King John Duggs  
Thomas millitt so John browne

Nothing more  
Philimon Swannor william Sargeant for  
Ezechiel day John Bray so  
clerk of the market for Joseph cullin  
Soaler of leather for James davis  
Diner and packer for John davis Samuell Hughes  
towne treasure John parsons  
custodes of the poor

James Ewells Ed James Sawyer Thomas Witham  
Symothy day so

Noted that there was six pence for the pound for to be  
allowed to the constables for the gathering of the rates  
which are promised to them to gather and pay out  
according to warrant and order from the Treasurers  
and select men for the year 1712

Noted that the three pound for money that for  
Joseph cullin paid to Thomas John marke should  
for reimbursement and paid to the to cullin again  
out of the Treasury or stock

Noted that the day was made by Capt John Harriman  
and Nathaniel Parsons concerning Elizabeth having  
about Evers herrieck during of her for birth her  
husband being not alive and the same men as  
mentioned suggested to her her said fine pounds if  
she did not the woman's birth and if she did  
not then if she would have three pounds or else  
the said herrieck would not more with it and it is  
left to the select men to consider the same or not  
that is whether the woman's birth was or not by the  
herrieck

Noted the towne gave Daniel Sargeant a warrant  
warrant for the sheep the sundry is a building for him  
of the Sargeant made up of it by the last may  
next following the date above said

Noted that Capt John Harriman and Ezechiel Pellins were  
appointed by the towne to settle the way and bound it out  
and to have the same done it to have in line of the way  
to go through the said daps it is not contented in more  
or in line to the same and it may be done

At the town meeting in Gloster may 24 day 1712  
for the choosing of representatives to present the towne in  
great and generall of Election the year following  
1st vote Elder James parsons was chosen moderator for the year  
2dly John James parsons by proxis was chosen representative  
for the year ensuing  
3dly to chuse how many for the year  
4thly the heaver and John davis for the year ensuing and  
John day James Ewells Samuell Storey  
they shoud no manner of person or persons belonging to the  
town or otherwise shall take any of the goods for to be  
taken for farming or otherwise on the penalty of the law of the  
Country viz twenty shillings above what ever and ten  
shillings below what ever





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for the above it be  
and the give their expectation of it  
all the towns meeting in glocester many in the year 1413  
for to give a representation to lord at the great one  
for the year 1413  
all the towns meeting in glocester many in the year 1413  
for to give a representation to lord at the great one  
for the year 1413

that whereas the above mentioned way through the land of John Smith and also through the land of Joseph Gardner the said Smith bought said land of Daniel Sargent and sent out by John Parson, Samuel Stedwell and Elizabeth Collins by order of the select men and the said way is laid out two rods wide through the land of John Smith and likewise two rods wide through the land of Joseph Gardner

and in confirmation of the Land taken from the above  
said John Smith for the above said way with the consent  
herein expressed and Assigned unto the above said Smith that  
small bit of Land between said Smiths orchard and high  
water mark and also a tringe of Land on the aforesaid side  
of the said Smiths Land which he bought of Daniel Baygant  
being parts of that which was gardeners left

these peregrinations about written concerning the  
-the way that I have through Smith and Johnson  
was situated in the 15. page of the new book



At the town meeting in Gloucester for the choosing of  
 jury men December the 2nd day 1713  
 Isaac English was then chosen to serve on the grand jury  
 for the year ensuing and Timothy Day was chosen to serve  
 on the jury of trial at the December Court to be held in all  
 sessions in the County of Essex

At the generall town meeting in Gloucester the 24th  
 day of march 1713/14 for choosing town officers and  
 what other business may be Leide offe the town  
 said meeting Sayward was chosen moderator  
 2d vote to chuse three men to tell the votes and to  
 take notice of any disorder in said meeting and the  
 men that was chosen are as followeth viz Ebenezer  
 Parsons Jacob Haskins John Sincor  
 3dly the select men that was chosen by the men quall  
 for being in the meeting are as followeth viz  
 Thomas Brayse Josiah Joseph Harvardin Jos  
 William Haskins Steven New

the doubt all that were chosen to serve in the  
 year 1714 are as followeth Thomas Sanders Nathaniel  
 and Steven in the meeting to his office  
 4thly John Parsons was chosen town treasurer  
 vote that the outduty of the poories left to the  
 select men as the law direct

Surveyors of highways and fences bounds  
 Haac Eml Philomou Warren Samuell Ford so  
 Johny Parsons) Sything men

Anthony and Samuell got Thomas William John  
 browne so Thomas Biggs for

is Capt Joseph cabin Sealer of leather Samuell Higginso  
 howards and John Drimers Josheph Gardner Ezekiell  
 Day Haac English Thomas Miller so Thomas Biggs for  
 vote that the town clerk John White his Secretary for the next year

board in answer to the petition of our neighbors and  
 friends on and acoles did so called desiring that the  
 town will please to continue there former giving to  
 them granting that the select men in agreeing with or  
 Scoolmaster should endeavor to get such manner as in  
 the judgment of our worshipfull father in white should be  
 suitable to preach the word of God to them on the Lords  
 day three or four months in the winter season for three  
 years now next coming and that the said Scoolmaster  
 be paid out of the towns treasures

At the town meeting in Gloucester March 1714  
 for the choosing of representatives to sit at and present the town  
 in the great and generall Court the next year  
 1st vote Ebenezer English was chosen moderator for said meeting  
 2dly Ebenezer Parsons was chosen representative

At the town meeting in Gloucester June 24th 1714  
 for the choosing of a man to serve on the jury of tryall  
 1st the next court of pleas to be holden at the Court  
 the next day of this instant

1st vote Ebenezer English was chosen jury man at said meeting  
 At the town meeting in Gloucester July 13th 1714  
 for giving the select men of said town

to make a town rate or common charge of said town  
 1st vote Ebenezer English was chosen moderator for said meeting  
 2dly Ebenezer Parsons was chosen representative

At the town meeting in Gloucester August 17th 1714  
 for giving the select men of said town  
 to make a town rate or common charge of said town  
 1st vote Ebenezer English was chosen moderator for said meeting  
 2dly Ebenezer Parsons was chosen representative

At the town meeting in Gloucester September 17th 1714  
 for giving the select men of said town  
 to make a town rate or common charge of said town  
 1st vote Ebenezer English was chosen moderator for said meeting  
 2dly Ebenezer Parsons was chosen representative

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 1<sup>st</sup> Voted that John Worsman Esq. was chosen moderator for the  
 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the next meeting which was the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month  
 of a great number on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of this month  
 received a notification or summons from the grave of the  
 sessions of the peace holden for the County of Essex at Salem  
 on the twelfth minute day of June last last requiring them  
 to appear at the next general sessions of the peace to be  
 holden at Newbury on the next holiday of this instant year  
 to answer the complaint of Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell late  
 wife to the estate of her husband Thomas Mitchell late  
 deceased the towns make choice of John Worsman Esq. and  
 Samuel Sargeant as agents or attorneys in behalf of  
 the town to answer in behalf of said subject men and women  
 and to give and procure what advice they may think proper  
 and necessary on that behalf and the town will redress  
 and allow and confirm what they shall lawfully demand  
 to be done in the matter

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 in the great and general court to be holden at Saybrook  
 the day of December of this present year and especially the  
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204<sup>th</sup> the generall town meeting in Gloucester march 9<sup>th</sup> first day 1714/15  
Elder James Parsons was chosen town treasurer

Sything men for the year ensuing  
Daniell King John Brown so Joseph Day so and  
Joseph Parsons [servants of high wains and fencer  
vowers] Solomon Burdett William King Samuell got  
moris Smith John Hamman  
so alder of weights and measures Capt Joseph Cullen  
Cacker and Fuller is list John Davis Samuell Hughes  
Howards and filds Drinders is William King  
John Butman Joseph Gardner Symonds Low

Noted that the vobert of John White should have  
town pounds added to his salary this year 1714  
Noted that the town gave to John King and Elizabeth  
day each of them twenty five shilling to be paid  
out of the town treasury for what the had  
expended in money and time when they went to  
Court about the way through Lint James Davis  
his ground

At the town meeting in Gloucester may the second day 1714  
for the choosing of a representative for to represent the town  
at the great and generall Court to be held at Boston for his majesties  
service this 9<sup>th</sup> day 1714  
Capt Joseph Cullen was chosen moderator for said meeting  
John Newmin Esq. by proxies was chosen orator for  
the 1714

At the town meeting in Gloucester June the 20<sup>th</sup> day 1714  
for to choose the jury men for to go to Salem Court  
this last Tuesday of this instant June and the men that  
were chosen to serve his majesties of said Court  
were John Good and Jacob Davis & August 5<sup>th</sup> 1714  
At the town meeting held in Gloucester for to  
give a vote to the S. East. union of the town, on  
to make a town war to defray the town  
charges Elder James Parsons is chosen moderator  
for the meeting

Noted that the town in said meeting gave power to  
the select men to make a town rate to defray the  
town debts and charges for this present year the  
sum of hundred and eighty pounds 180

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1715/16 I received this Book of Mr Thomas Riggs late Town Clerk

Taken up, damage feasant, and impounded in the Town  
Pound, four young cattle; two of said cattle are three  
years old, marked a slit in the right ear, and half  
crop in the left ear, of a red colour; the other  
two cattle are two years old, and have the same mark,  
and are of a Brindle colour

John Winchested Lide  
Gloucester 9<sup>th</sup> 1716. Wm Rowe Drivers

This Agreement made this ninth day of July one thousand seven hundred and Ninety Eight, Witnesseth that we the Subscribers - Viz - Caleb Norwood Junr and Benjamin Hale both of Gloucester in the County of Essex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby Obligate and agree each with the other, to build and keep in good repair a fence built according to Law, between the land we severally own in a Pasture in the fifth Parish in said Gloucester, its being divided in the following manner, Caleb Norwood Junr part of S. Wall beginning upon the road leading to Ambisquam & running the whole length of the North 30. degrees East line, thirty three rods & twelve links, then the said Benjamin Hale's part, of S. Wall begins & runs upon a Southern and Eastern course to the bounds upon the meadow Wall, it being about the same distance, & each of us hereby agrees with the other to build, maintain, and keep in good and sufficient repair according to Law our several divisions of said Wall as Witness our hands the day & date above mentioned.

Attest.

Ebenezer Poole.

Solomon Farr.

Benj<sup>n</sup> Hale.

Caleb Norwood Junr.

The foregoing is a true Copy of the Original Agreement subscribed by the Parties, and entered on Record at the Request of the said Mr. Caleb Norwood Junr.  
Examined - Attest. John Rogers. Town Clerk  
Gloucester Aug<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1799.

This Agreement made the Eighteenth day of August One thousand seven hundred and Ninety Eight, between Caleb Norwood Junr. of Gloucester in the County of Essex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and John Poole of Bridgton in the County of Lincoln & District of Maine, Witnesseth, that we the said Norwood & Poole do hereby agree each with the other, that we will build and keep in <sup>in good</sup> repair a good & sufficient fence between the lands we severally own in the fifth Parish in said Gloucester adjoining each other, upon our several divisions of the same which are as follows Viz - The said John Poole beginning upon the Mountain Wall (so called) at the Corner of Benjamin Hale's Pasture, adjoining the meadow owned by the S. Norwood & runs north easterly upon S. Mountain wall, dividing S. Norwood's meadow & S. Poole's Pasture sixteen rods, then the said Norwood commences and runs, two Rods on S. Mountain Wall, to a cross wall making, making a Corner in S. Norwood's meadow, then running East southerly upon said cross wall, thirteen Rods, near the said Wells to S. Norwood's Corner bound the whole including all the division lines between S. Meadow & Pasture.

In the Division in the



The field adjoining the main road, the S. Norwood begins upon S. road leading towards the woods & runs upon the North 65 degrees West line 12 rods & 5 links then the S. Pool continues to run the same course and distance to John Gott's Corner bound near the meadow upon the S. wall, in making the whole of the Division between said Norwood's & Pool's fields - and each and either of us hereby Obligate ourselves to the other to build a good and lawful fence upon our several divisions as above described, & to repair, support & maintain such Divisions, hereby binding ourselves, our heirs or assigns to the fulfillment of this contract, As Witness our hands the day and date above mentioned.

Attest.

Wm. Cadd.

Joseph Gavah.

John Pool.  
Caleb Norwood Junr.

The within and abovegoing is a true copy of the Original Agreement signed by the Parties, and entered upon Record at the Request of the said Mr. Caleb Norwood Junr.

Gloucester Aug<sup>r</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>. 1799.

Examined.

Thos. John Rogers. Justice.

To Joseph Mores & John Kenners, both of Gloucester, two disinterested & judicious Persons.

Greeting.

You are hereby appointed and empowered faithfully & impartially to estimate upon Oath, the Damage done to William Pew by a dark red horse, which for that purpose, has been taken up and impounded by William Pew in the Town Pound in said Gloucester, and also in like manner to appraise the said Creature to answer said damage, and all charges.

These facts not and make return of this warrant into the Clerk's Office of the said Town of Gloucester, as soon as the business shall be performed.

Given under my hand this twenty ninth day of September Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and four.

H. Phelps. Just. Paris.

Encl<sup>d</sup>. The above named Joseph Mores & John Kenners personally appeared and made Oath, that in estimating the within mentioned damages, and appraising the within mentioned creature they would act faithfully & impartially according to their best skill and judgment - Before H. Phelps Just. Paris.

Gloucester Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. 1804 - Pursuant to the within Warrant, we the Subscribers have estimated the damage sustained by the said William Pew at one Dollar twenty Cents, we have also valued the within mentioned horse at thirty Dollars.

(Signed)

Joseph Mores  
John Kenners.

At a general Town meeting held <sup>in Gloucester</sup> March 6.<sup>th</sup> 1715/16.  
for choosing of Town officers and doing other town business proper  
for said meeting. they chose

M<sup>r</sup> James Sayward Moderator for said meeting  
Then three men to tell the votes for said meeting. viz.

Thomas Sanders, Stephen Row, & Thomas Bray jun.  
Then chose James Parsons for Town-Clerk; who was then sworn.

Then chose Select-men viz.

John Newman Esq<sup>r</sup>

Thomas Bray.

John Ring.

Nathaniel Sargeant.

Abraham Sawyer.

Then chose Constables viz.

Samuel Gott.

John Roberts.

Surveyors of Highways chosen

Jacob Davis.

Thomas William

Benjamin Haskell jun

Thomas Wise.

Symonds Low.

John Ring chosen Town Treasurer

Hayward or field Drivers: and fence viewers

chosen viz.

Isaac Everts.

Samuel Stevens.

John Lane.

9. Then chose Tything-men viz

Tymothy Day

Ezekiel Day

Joseph Day

Edwazor Lovskin

10. Sealer of weights and measures.  
Capt Joseph Allen.

11. Culors of Fish: and measures  
of Salt, chosen

Lot<sup>t</sup> John Davis.

Sarg<sup>t</sup> Edward Harradon.

John Babson

Joseph Gardner.

12. Sealer of Leather  
Samuel Hodgkins

13. Then adjourned the meeting  
untill to morrow morning at 9  
a clock, and then mett.

March 7.<sup>th</sup> s. vote, Granted to Elias Davis, Edward Harradon jun and William  
Tucker; Liberty of building a Seat or Short Gallery (at their own  
cost) in South westerly corner of the meeting-house over the Stairs  
not hindring or damnyfying the stair-way, and to Enjoy said Seat during  
the Towns pleasure: and to be Ruled by the Select-men how many  
may sit there in

2. Tho: Sanders being absent, Nathaniel Parsons was chosen, to joyn  
with the other two men to tell & votes for this meeting.

3. In consideration that our Neighbours dwelling on the north west & westerly  
Side of Annisquam, & Little Rivers, keeping & maintaining a good  
Ministry among them the year Ensuing, voted that they shoud  
be allowed to draw out of the Town Treasury their proportion of our  
Ministers Salary for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing, and no more. *finis*

A Town meeting held <sup>in Gloucester</sup> March 29, 1716. to give answer unto one  
of the petitions profered to the Town march 6.<sup>th</sup> 1715/16) by Severall  
of our Neighbours dwelling on y<sup>e</sup> north west & westerly Side of Annisquam, and Little Rivers, and to take some measures how to provide  
for the Support of our par.

1.<sup>st</sup> James Davis chosen Moderator for said meeting

Then 3. men were chosen to tell y<sup>e</sup> votes for d meeting viz

Tho: Sargeant, George Harvey, and Symonds Low.

Then, In answer to the petition of a number of the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup>  
Town of Gloucester that live on the north west & westerly Side of Annisquam & Little Rivers, That they be sett off as a precinct in order to the  
settling & maintaining of a Gospel Minister amongst them according  
to their petition profered to the town at the general town meeting held  
in Gloucester the 6.<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant march: and again renewed  
on the 29. day of this Instant march. voted that the Town

Consents, That the Inhabitants that live on the north west and  
westwardly Side of this line (viz. beginning at the mouth of Annisquam  
River, the River to be the Line unto y<sup>e</sup> mouth of Little River so called,  
then Little River to be y<sup>e</sup> Line unto the head of sd River, from thence upon a  
straight Line to the Sea on the Easterly Side of the Easterly Little Cove  
so called.) with their own Estates be sett off as a precinct in order to the  
settling, and maintainence of a Gospel Minister amongst them  
(Excluding the Estates of all the Inhabitants that dwell on the South east and  
Easterly Side of said Lines except Capt. Nathaniel Coys Farm) and that  
when they have obtained & settled an Orthodox Gospel Minister amongst  
them, that they be discharged from bearing any proportion to the maintain-  
ance of the Ministry on the Easterly Side of said Line.

Immediately these persons under named Entered their dissent from the above said vote  
viz. Peter Coffin, Daniel Ring, Abraham Sawyer, James Dyke, Joseph Lovkin

Voted in the above said meeting that our Rev<sup>d</sup> pastor m<sup>r</sup> John W Rite shall  
have ten pounds added to his Eighty pounds, to make his Salary ninety  
pound for this year 1716. *finis*



Pursuant to a precept from the Sheriff of s County of Essex: the  
 Select men of this town of Gloucester, Notified the Inhabitants of  
 this Town qualified to vote (according to law) in choosing of a Representative  
 to meet together at a meeting house the seventh day of May 1716. to chuse  
 a suitable person to Represent them in the great and general Court for  
 assembly to be hold at Boston the thirtieth day of this instant May. the  
 said Inhabitants accordingly met on the said seventh day of May, and chose  
 Elder James Sayward Moderator for said meeting: and then chose  
 John Newman Esq. to Represent them in s said general Court for this year  
 1716. (finis)

Pursuant to a notification by Const. Roberts, a Town-meeting was held  
 in Gloucester, June 22. 1716. to chuse 3. Jury men, one for s grand-jury &  
 2 for s jury of Tryalls, (Const. Gott Moderator of said meeting) to serve at  
 Salem Court the last Tuesday of this Instant June: by said meeting  
 Francis Norwood was chosen to serve on the Grand Jury for the year  
 ensuing: and Samuel Pinew and Thomas Bray jun were chosen to  
 chuse to serve of s jury of Tryalls for said Court. finis.

A Town-meeting held in Gloucester July 24. 1716. to  
 Grant a Town Rate; to Consider off & Confirm high ways: and to  
 Consult some more suitable method for the Relieving of the poor.

1. Capt. Joseph Elin was chosen Moderator for said meeting.  
 then the State of Town Treasury, Enquired into.  
 2. A Town-Rate granted amounting to ninety pounds, and the Select men  
 Imponed to proportion it on the Inhabitants of the whole Town  
 according to Law; and is for the defraying of the Town charges viz  
 for paying the Representative: the School master: the County Rate: the  
 Relieving of the poor: and other contingent Charges arising in the  
 Town. and also the Select men are hereby Imponed to proportion  
 the ninety pounds for our Revd Pastor m. Whitts Salary for this year  
 1716. on the Inhabitants of this Town living on the Easterly side of  
 the precinct-Line. Clearly voted. Some debates about the un-  
 laid out at head of the capot: by the Select men; and then adjourned  
 the next time to Friday July the Last instant at 12. a Clock.  
 July 31. 1716. the above said meeting dissolved by the Moderator.  
 finis

A Town meeting held in Gloucester August 17, 1716. To make choice of a  
 person, or persons to assist Andrew Bennett, in defending the cause which m.  
 Peter Coffin has Comenced against him &c. and to Consider the offer of a Gentle-  
 man to purchase a boll for us, and to allow of private high ways, &c.

1. John Newman Esq. was chosen Moderator for said meeting.  
 2. Voted, That the Town makes choice of m. Samuel Sargeant, and desires  
 that he will be aiding & assisting, to Andrew Bennett in defending the cause  
 which m. Peter Coffin has Comenced against him (to be heard & tryed  
 before s worshipfull Samuel Appleton Esq. at Ipswich on the 22. day of  
 this Instant August) and to get such copies of Records and Evidences as may  
 be thought necessary for the defense of the same: and the Town to bear  
 the necessary costs & Charges that may arise in the defending of s said  
 Cause: and at the desire of said m. Samuel Sargeant, the said meeting chose  
 3. Loid. James Davis to goyn with said Sargeant into a bout said affair.  
 finis

For as much as the action comenced by m. Peter Coffin against  
 Andrew Bennett, for taking sand from the sand-bank near the mar-  
 tch of Annisquam-River, on tryall Judge ment was given was  
 given against said Bennett, who appealed, on which the select-  
 men ordered a town-meeting Sept. 5. 1716. to know what the  
 Town desired that the said appeal should be prosecuted, or, taken  
 up; -- At a town-meeting held Sept. 5. 1716. on s above said oc-  
 asion, Loid. James Davis was chosen Moderator of said meeting.  
 2. Voted in s meeting, That the said appeal be prosecuted in said  
 Bennetts Cause. -- finis.

Pursuant to a warrant from s Clerk of s County Court:  
 Samuel Gott Const. Notified s Inhabitants of this Town of Gloucester  
 (Qualified for voting) to meet together on s 24. day of Dec. 1716.  
 3. Jury men to chuse three Jury men; The said Inhabitants accordingly met; and  
 chose, Capt. Nathaniel Coit, to serve on the Grand Jury for s year  
 ensuing: and chose James Lane, Mark Haskel, to serve on  
 the jury of Tryalls, at the Inferior Court of pleas to be hold  
 at Salem on the Last Tuesday of this Instant Dec. -- finis.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1716. (17) Was held the General Townmeeting in Gloucester, for the choosing of Selectmen, Constables and other town officers for the year 1717, and other business.

1. Let<sup>t</sup> John Davis was chosen Moderator for said meeting.  
The men to tell the votes in said meeting, were, Benj. Harraden, Thomas Allen and John Bray. 3. James Parsons chosen Town-Clerk.

Select-men chosen for y<sup>e</sup> year 1717. are,

John Newman Esq<sup>r</sup>  
4. Thomas Bray.  
John Ring.  
Samuel Sargeant.  
Isaac Dwellth.

5. Voted to choose y<sup>e</sup> Constables according to the usuall Custom, not by proxy.

6. James Lane was chosen constable, and refused to serve, and paid five p<sup>ts</sup> to the moderator.

8. Surveyors of high ways Chosen

viz Thomas Allen.  
John Poole.  
sup: Joseph Haskell.  
Benj. Harraden.  
Ebenezer Parsons.

7. The Town proceeded, and chose Anthony Bennett Constable for y<sup>e</sup> Ensuing year. said Bennett hired Thomas Riggs, 2, to serve in his room, the Town voted their acceptance of, and chose said Riggs, Constable for this town for y<sup>e</sup> year 1717.

11. James Dyke was chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1717. for this town; said Dyke hired John Roberts to serve in his Room; the Town voted, their acceptance of said Roberts to serve as Constable for this town for this year. 1717.

voted that the above named Surveyors of high ways shall be viewers of fences for this year 1717.

10. Tything men Chosen for this year 1717 viz.

Elder James Sayward.  
Cist James Davis.  
Timothy Daye.  
Thomas Riggs Jr.

16. Voted in so meeting, that our Rev<sup>d</sup> Pastor Mr White, shall have ten pounds added to his Eighty, to make his Salary ninety pounds, for this year 1717.

12. Capt: Joseph Ollm Clerk of the Market. Chosen in this year 1717.

13. James Hodgkin chosen Seal of the Town.

17. Benjamin Hoppin petitioned the Town for some help, to pay the Doctor for the cure of his child that had his hair cut off. the said meeting voted, that the five pounds paid by James Lane to the moderator in said meeting, be given to sd Hoppin, for to pay for said cure.

14. Field drivers Chosen viz.

John Roberts.  
Joseph Gardner.  
Andrew Riggs.  
Symonds Low.

18. Voted, that the Select men are ordered & Impowored to examine and adjust the accounts between m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Riggs (late Town Clerk) and this Town, for a book, & service done for the Town, and order him payment of what may be justly due unto him on d account. Finis. March 12. 1717.

15. Voted that the above named John Roberts, Joseph Gardner, Andrew Riggs, and Symonds Low, shall be, and are, chosen to prosecute the breach of laws Relating to Swearing in this town.

May 6, 1717. A Town meeting was held in Gloucester by order of the Select men, pursuant to a precept from the Sheriff of the County of Essex to choose a Representative to serve at the General Court for this Town for the year ensuing. said meeting chose John Newman Esq<sup>r</sup> to serve as above said. (Finis)

On June 17, 1717. A Town meeting in Gloucester was held by order of the Constable Thomas Riggs, pursuant to a warrant to him from the Clerk of the County Court to choose two men to serve as Jurors at the next Court to be holden at Salem the last Tye-day of this Instant June: the said meeting accordingly chose, Philemon Warner, and, John Day, for said service. Finis.

On July 29, 1717. A Town-meeting was held in Gloucester by order of the Select men, for granting liberty to make a Rate to defray Town Charges &c. Capt: Nathaniel Coit was chosen Moderator for sd meeting. said meeting voted, That a Rate amounting to one hundred and twenty pounds shall be (by the Selectmen) made and proportioned upon the Inhabitants of the whole Town, according to law; and is for the defraying of the Town Charges, viz. to pay the Representative: School masts, County Rate to relieve the poor; and other Contingent Charges arising in the Town. also the Selectmen are (by vote in said meeting) Impowored to proportion the ninety pounds for our Rev<sup>d</sup> Pastor m<sup>r</sup> John White's Salary for this year 1717. on the Inhabitants of this Town, living on the Easterly side of the Premae line.

said meeting voted, that the Select men take care, that what may be necessary for mending & repairing the meeting house, be done. (Finis)

Gloucester Dec<sup>r</sup> 17. 1717. A Town-meeting was held in sd town to chuse Jurymen to serve at y<sup>e</sup> Court to be holden at Salem the last Tye-day of Dec<sup>r</sup> Current. said meeting chose Thomas Witham to serve on the Grand-jury for this town for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing. and said meeting chose David Ring, and Richard York to serve on the jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of pleas to be holden at Salem the last Tye-day of this Dec<sup>r</sup>. (Finis)

Tho<sup>s</sup> Riggs.  
Constable.

Jo<sup>h</sup> Roberts.  
Constable.

Mr White.  
10. l.

Hoppin  
petition

Clerk  
Riggs

Representative  
Chosen for  
1717

Jurors  
Chosen

Town Rate  
120. l.  
granted.  
1717.



- A Town meet was held in Gloucester March 4<sup>th</sup> 1717/18.
- To chuse Town officers for the year 1718. and to do what other business proper to be done in said meeting.
1. Capt Nathaniel Coit was chosen Moderator for said meeting.
  2. Benjamin Kincaid, John Parsons, & Benjamin Ingerson chosen to tell the votes for said meeting.
  3. Said meeting chose  
Deacon Benjamin Haskell, W<sup>m</sup> Nathaniel Sargeant, Ensl<sup>t</sup> William Haskell, Ensl<sup>t</sup> Joseph Atlin, & W<sup>m</sup> Ebenezer Davis, Select-men for year.
  4. Said meeting chose Nathaniel Ellory, & Benjamin Haskell, for Constables.
  5. Said meeting chose Nathaniel Ellory, paid five pounds to the moderator.
  6. Said meeting chose Nathaniel Ellory, Refusing to serve, paid five pounds to the moderator.
  7. Said meeting chose Benjamin Harraden, Constable for this town; and, and said meeting chose Benjamin Harraden, Constable for this town.
  8. Said meeting chose John Roberts, offering said meeting accepted of him to serve this town.
  9. Said meeting chose John Roberts, offering said meeting accepted of him to serve this town.
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  18. Said meeting chose John Roberts, offering said meeting accepted of him to serve this town.
  19. Said meeting chose John Roberts, offering said meeting accepted of him to serve this town.
  20. Said meeting chose John Roberts, offering said meeting accepted of him to serve this town.

(Finis)

Pursuant to a precept from the Sheriff of the County of Gloucester, to the Select men of this Town of Gloucester, to Notify & Inhabitants of this Town qualified for voting to chuse a Representative the said Inhabitants accordingly met, and held a meeting in said Gloucester, and chose Capt Nathaniel Coit, to Represent the in the great and Generall Court, or assembly for this year 1718.

(Finis.)

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Pursuant to a precept from the Clerk of the County Court, the Constable notified the Inhabitants of this town of Gloucester, who held a meeting in said Gloucester June 17. 1718. to chuse Jury men to serve at the next Inferior Court of pleas to be holden at Salem the last Tuesday of this Instant June. Said meeting chose, Dilemon Warner, and John Coy, for said Service, and there being more business, said meeting chose Thomas Riggs Moderator for said meeting; and where as, at the generall Town-meeting hold on march 4<sup>th</sup> 1718. Benjamin Harraden was chosen Constable for this town for this year. and D Harraden, (not having opportunity to be present in this meeting, pay five pounds into the hands of above said Moderator, then said meeting chose D Thomas Riggs as Constable for this Town, for this year, 1718. and allowd him the said five pounds in consideration for his serving as Constable for this year.

(finis)

Jury men  
and  
Constable  
chose

Pursuant to an order of the Selectmen, the Const. Riggs Notified a Town meeting, which was hold in Gloucester July 30<sup>th</sup> 1718. to grant a town Rate, and to do what other business proper for said meeting. Said meeting chose Samuel Stevens Moderator for said meeting. voted. That our Rev. Mr White shall have ten pounds added to his ninety pounds, to make his Salary an hundred pounds, for this present year, 1718. the whole 100. l. to be paid in bills of Credit. Said meeting, voted, that the Select men lay out the way, reserved thro Little good harbor Posture so called, viz. the way that old father Elwell used to call whom his Ray in, leading from Eastren-point to Little good harbor marshes. and to lay D way three pole wide. Said meeting, granted a town Rate amounting to an hundred and twenty pounds, to defray town charges, and the Select men to apportion the same on the Inhabitants & residents of the whole town according as the law directs. (and is for paying our Representative, the School-master, the County Rate, for relief of the poor, and other Contingent charges arising in the town) also the Select men are by vote in said meeting Impowred to proportion Mr White's 100. l. his Salary for this year 1718. on the Inhabitants & residents of this town, on the Eastern side of the precinct line. (finis)

Mr White's  
10. l.order to lay out  
a way.town Rate  
120. l.

Pursuant to a notification by Constable Riggs, a town-meeting was hold in Gloucester to chuse Jury-men, December 22. 1718. Said meeting chose Mr Samuel Stevens son to serve on the grand Jury for the year ensuing. and Eldor James Sayward, and Caleb Norwood, to serve on the Jury of trials, at the next Inferior Court of pleas to be holden at Salem the last Tuesday of this Instant December. (finis)

Jury men  
chosen

A Generall Town meeting was held in Gloucester March 3. 1718/19. To chuse Town Officers for the year 1719. and to do what other business proper for said meeting to do.

1. Said meeting chose Nathaniel Coit Moderator for said meeting.

2. Said meeting chose John Sargent, Stephen Robinson, and John Dungee (Canonites) or to tell votes for said meeting.

3. Said meeting chose John Peol Constable, who immediately paid five pounds to the Moderator, who so the choice was null.

4. Said meeting chose John Millett Constable for this town for this year 1719.

5. Said meeting chose Caleb Norwood Constable for this town for this year 1719.

6. Said meeting chose Isaac Enslith, Esq. Joseph Allen, Ebenezer Davis, Dea Nathaniel Parsons, and Thomas Bray Jr. Select men, for the year ensuing viz. 1719.

7. Said meeting chose James Parsons Town Clerk.

8. Said meeting chose John Ring Town Treasurer.

9. Said meeting chose Symonds Low, Ezekiel Day, Samuel Gott, Isaac Enslith, Stephen Row, and John Gilbert, Surveyors.

10. Said meeting chose John Brown, Ebenezer Luffin, Jeffery Parsons, and John Lenz, Tything-men for this town for this year 1719.

Tything men



- Seal or of w. 11. Said meeting, Capt. Joseph Allen Clerk of the market  
Seal or L and Seal or of weights and measures.
12. 3d meeting Chose Joseph Whitson Seal or of Leather.
13. 4th meeting Chose Joseph Gardner, Ezekiel Collins, Mark Haskell, and Jacob Burnum, for Haywards, or, field drivers: and also, to see to the observance of the Law Relating to horses, and to prosecute the breakers of said Law, said Haywards, or, field drivers were Chosen (at 3d meeting) to see to the observance of all Laws Relating to Swine in this town.
14. Said meeting Chose Joseph Gardner, m William Card, Col: John Davis, James Wallis, Sarg: Edward Hurnden and m Nathaniel Sargeants, for Cullers of fish.
15. 5th meeting, at the request of m Isaac Evoloth, and m John Coy voted that two pouns and two Skillings, be allowed and paid out of the town treasury, to d Evoloth, and Coy, in consideration of their time and expens, in entering into a course of Law with John Millett, for his forcing the way near m's Abigail Millett's house at Little-cove.
16. Said meeting Voted That our Rev: Pastor m: White be allowed for whole Sallery for the Ensuing year, viz 1719, one hundred pounds to be paid in Bills, Credit, as was the year past.
- (finis)

Gloucester may 6. 1719. Pursuant to a notification set up by the select men of this town, requiring the Inhabitants of the town qualified to choose a Representative; They met to gether to choose a Representative to serve at the General Court for this town this year. Said Inhabitants accordingly met: and the major part of the select men not appearing; the meeting dropt. and the select men, notified d Inhabitants to meet together on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant; said Inhabitants accordingly met may 14, 1719, and Chose Capt. Joseph Allen moderator for d meeting, and then proceeded and by proxies Chose Capt. Nathaniel Coit, to serve at the great or Generall Court, as Representative for this Town, for this year 1719.

(finis)

- A Town meeting was held in Gloucester June 23, 1719. being notified by the Constable (Jo Millet) to Chose Jury men and also notified by the select men, to grant a town Rate; & to consider, off and allow off and confirm some private highways, laid by the select men: and also to give order for the building of a work-house.
1. Said meeting chose Elder James Sayward moderator for d meeting.
2. Said meeting Chose, Ezekiel Woodward, and Alexander Maxe to serve on the Jury of tryalls, at the next Inferior Court of pleas to be holden at Salem on the last Tuesday of this Instant June.
3. Said meeting Chose Benj: Kimacum, Tho: Riggs B. and Sam: Griffin, to vote in d meeting.
4. at the request of John Bennet, said meeting voted, that his bill of 50<sup>s</sup> to the town for land at Little River, is fully remitted.
5. High-ways (continued). and first, Whereas the select men have laid out a private way (in y<sup>e</sup> west precinct) beginning at the brook (a little to y<sup>e</sup> westward of Thomas Bray jun<sup>r</sup>'s now dwelling house, where d Brook crosses y<sup>e</sup> way that lead down to y<sup>e</sup> ferry) so running northward by William Riggs dwelling house, and so by Henry Haskell's dwelling house; and to y<sup>e</sup> widow Rachel Haskell's dwelling house, and so to y<sup>e</sup> mill River as it is described in y<sup>e</sup> town Book of Records of lands, p. 10. Said meeting voted that the said way, is, allowed and confirmed to be and remain a private highway, and is named, Long Cove-way.
6. A way laid out by y<sup>e</sup> select men (in Gloucester westward from the City beginning where the high-ways part (near Ed: James Passons's house) and so running Northwesterly as the way now leads to the head of Little River, thence as the way now lies to Richard Duffys, and so as the way now lies, to Timothy Doy's dwelling house and so by his house where the way now is, to the private high way that leads from the meeting house to y<sup>e</sup> ferry, said meeting allowed, and voted a confirmation of d private highway as it is described, with the lining places more at large, in the town Book of Records of lands, p. 100.
7. Said meeting voted an allowance and confirmation of a private way on y<sup>e</sup> westerly side of y<sup>e</sup> head of Little River, laid out by said select men from the landing place and so on y<sup>e</sup> westward side of the brook up to the Sawmill, as it is more at large described, by d select men and entered in d Book, p. 100.
8. The select men having (in y<sup>e</sup> year 1716.) laid out a private high way at y<sup>e</sup> head of y<sup>e</sup> Cape, beginning at y<sup>e</sup> way that leads from y<sup>e</sup> head of y<sup>e</sup> Cape, to p. 99.

from Gallows folly to m<sup>th</sup> Galls, from thence to Pigeon-Cove, and from thence 2 pole wide to Sandy Bay-Brook, said meeting voted and allowed & confirmed so way, as was more at large described by sd Select men in Writing, and Entered in the afore said Book, in p. 101.

9. vote that said meeting makes choice of John Newman Esq. Clerk.

James Davis, and Elder James Saywon, and fully Impowers them to be a committee, to Examine into the Town Treasurers accounts, of his Receipts, and pay ments, particularly what money or security for money has been received into the treasury for land said by & 7 men Committee, and also, how much, to whom, and for what, our money is paid out of the treasury, and what other particulars they may think proper, and make their report of their doings, by the first opportunity.

Committee

10. Said meeting voted That the Selectmen, (at the towns cost and charge) forth with or as soon as may be, Cause a work-house to be Built 24 or 26 foot long, and 12 foot wide, and 6 foot high, to be Built on the town's common land, near the South Easterly side of the hill called Governors hill, and to be finished as soon as may be for the use of the Town.

Workhouse

11. Said meeting (by vote) adjourned untill the next saturday (suppose) twill July 1<sup>st</sup> next) to begin immediately after lecture.

adjourned.

at a town meeting held in Gloucester July 1. 1719. By adjournment from June 23. Instant. last

1. Said meeting voted, That a town Rate amounting to one hundred and thirty pounds, is granted, and to be levied on the Inhabitants and other Residents of this town according to law; and is for the defraying of tow Charges, viz. for paying of the Representatives, the School-master, the County Rate, for Building a work-house, for Relieving of the poor, and other necessary Charges arising in the town; and to be paid into the town treasury (for use) by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October next. viz 1719.

town Rate granted. 130. L.

2. vote that whereas, at a town meeting held in Gloucester July 30. 1718. a vote was pass, Ordering the select men, to lay out a private way through Little good harbor Pasture, so called wher Elsworths way was, this meeting fees cause to vote, that sd vote be reconsidered and nullifyd.

vote nullified

(finis)

Gloucester December 18. 1719 Pursuant to a warrant from y<sup>e</sup> Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> Sessions, a town meeting was held to chuse Jury men, said meeting chose Samuel Gott, to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem the last tuesday of this Instant December, and for the year ensuing, and William Tucker, and Paul Dalloway, was chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of Tryalls at said Court.

Jurors.

(finis)

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester March 3. 1719/20. (pursuant to a Notification set on the meeting-house door by the Selectmen) to chuse officers for this town for the ensuing year, viz. 1720.

1. Said meeting, chose Let James Davis Moderator for sd meeting. 2. meeting, chose, Symonds Low, Andrew Riggs, and John Lane, to monitor or to tell the votes for sd meeting. 3. meeting chose, Isaac Sawyer, and, Andrew Riggs, constables for this town for year ensuing.

constables.

4. meeting chose, James Davis, nt Samuel Sargeant, Elder James Saywon, Ebenezer Deans, and Thomas Bray Jun<sup>r</sup> Select men, for this town for the year ensuing, viz. 1720.

Select men

5. meeting chose James Parsons sn<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk for the year ensuing. 6. meeting chose, Samuel Gott, John Gilbert, Thomas Sandars, John Roberts, and Benjamin Linacum, Surveyors, for this town for year ensuing. 7. meeting chose Symonds Low, nt Isaac Eveleth, Obithony Bonist, visioners of fones for this town for this year 1720.

Surveyors

visioners of fones

8. meeting chose Stephen Row, Nathaniel Sawyer, Obitharn Sawyer, and James Parsons Jun<sup>r</sup> Tyling men for this town for y<sup>e</sup> year 1720.

Tyling men.

9. meeting chose Joseph Whitson, for Sealer of Leather. 10. meeting chose John Ring, Town-Treasurer for the year ensuing, viz. 1720.

Sealer

Treasurer.

(finis)



Glocester March 7. 1719./20. These severall persons appeared before the Select-men of this town, and took the Oaths Relating to their severall Respective Offices, to which they were Chosen (March 3. 1720)

Officers  
Sworn.

Andrew Riggs, an. Isaac Sayen, Constables.  
James Parsons Town Clerk.  
William Haskell Tanner Clerk of the west precinct.  
Joseph Whitston Leather Sealer

Thomas Sanders, Samuel Golt. } Surgeons of  
John Roberts, John Gilbert. } High ways  
Benjamin Kennikem

Stephen Row, Nathaniel Sawyer } Tything  
James Barsen Junior } Men

M<sup>r</sup> John Ring, Town Treasurer.  
M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Eveleth, Fence Viewer

Representative  
Chosen  
May 10, 1720.

Pursuant to a warrant to from A. Sheriff of this County of Essex to the Select men of Glocester. Requiring them to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town that are qualified to vote in the choice of a Representative. Said Select men Notified said Inhabitants to meet together to Choose a Representative on the tenth day of May 1720. Who accordingly met at first said meeting where Elder James Sayen Moderator & then proceeded & by Proxies Chose Elder James Sayen to Represent this Town in the great & General Court or Assembly of this Province for this year.

Jurors Chosen  
June 24, 1720.

Glocester June 24, 1720. A town meeting was holden to Chuse Jurymen to serve on the Jury at Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of pleas, and generall Sessions of the peace to be holden at Salem on the last Tuesday of this 3<sup>d</sup> June. Said meeting Chose Capt. Joseph A. Con and Mr. James Davis, for said service.

Representative  
Chosen  
June 24, 1720.

Pursuant to a warrant from M<sup>r</sup> Sheriff Denison of this County Requiring the Select men of this Town to call a meeting of the inhabitants thereof who are qualified to vote in the choice of a Representative. Said Select men Notified said Inhabitants to meet together to choose a Representative on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1720. Who accordingly met and first said meeting Chose Mr. James Davis Moderator & then proceeded & by written votes Chose Elder James Sayen to Represent this Town for this year in great and General Court.

2. Select men  
Sworn

Glocester July 18, 1720. Mr. James Davis, and Mr. Ebenezer Davis two of the Select men, were Sworn, That in valuation of that all Lands that they should be called to value this year as Select men in order to be offered to the Commissioners for money they would deal fairly according to the best of their understanding.

At town Rate  
granted  
August 3, 1720.  
1730.

Pursuant to a notification set on our meeting house door by the Select men Baring date July 23. 1720. A town meeting was holden in glocester to grant a town Rate to defray town charges &c. Elder James Sayen was Chosen Moderator for the meeting. Said meeting Chose that sum might be necessary to defray our town charges Voted. That the sum of £180. one hundred and eighty pounds, be levied on the severall Inhabitants and Residents in this Town according to the direction of the law, which sum shall be paid into the Town Treasurer, the one moiety on or before the last day of September next ensuing & date of proof: and the other moiety on or before the 20 day of Nov. next ensuing & date of proof: and is for the defraying of if town charges viz. to pay the Representatives to pay the School master: to relieve our poor: to pay our part to of County Rate: and pay for making a new Pound: and other Contingent charges arising in our Town.

2.  
Committee Chosen

Said meeting Considered the private High-way laid out by the Select men through several mens Lands from Pymon Cove to S. bay-brook, and appointed Capt. Joseph A. Con, Mr. Thomas W. P. & Mr. Stephen Row, to be a Committee, to consider all circumstances relating to said way, and what may be just and proper to be offered for full satisfaction, for if damages to the owners of said Lands, and acquaint said tract with the owners about said affair, and make it of their own accord, then to if town at first opportunity, in order to all consideration.

At said town meeting (August 3. 1720. the Question asked whether the new pound should be set up in the place where y<sup>e</sup> old one was. it passed in affirmative: New pound

Gloucester August 19. 1720. Lieut James Davis, Dea James Sayward, Mr Ebenezer Davis and Mr Thomas Bray being select men of this town did take the Assessor oath according to the direction of the Law before James Parson Town clerk

Assessors  
Sworn

At a town meeting held in Gloucester Sept. 21. 1720. to hear the return of the committee appointed by the Town to consider the private high way laid out by the select men from pigeon Cove to sandy-bay-brook. Lieut James Davis was chosen moderator for said meeting and then said meeting having heard the report of said committee relating to that part of said high way which lyeth through Mr John Pools land, voted, That sd Mr John Pool shall have about four acres of corn or land lying near before his house: Or, Ten Pounds, in full satisfaction for sd way through his land. (finis)

An offer to  
Mr John Pool.  
£10.

At a town meeting in Gloucester Dec. 21. 1720. to chuse Jurors, to serve at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas, and generally sessions of the peace to be holden at Salem the last Tuesday of Dec. instant. Said meeting chose Ebenezer Parsons, to serve on the Grand Jury for this town for the year ensuing; and Stephen Row, and Josiah Ingorsoll, to serve on the Jury of trials for said Court. Note Dea James Sayward was chosen moderator for said meeting (finis)

Jurors  
Chosen  
1720

The Generall town Meeting was held in Gloucester March 7. 1720, 21. To chuse town Officers, to serve in this town for the year 1721. and what other business proper.

1. Capt. Nathaniel Coit was chosen Moderator for said meeting.  
2. Said meeting, Symonds Low, Joshua Eliwell, and John Day jun<sup>r</sup> to tell the votes of said meeting.

3. Said meeting chose Capt. Andrew Robinson and Joseph Haskell jun<sup>r</sup> Constables for this town for year ensuing, viz. 1721.

4. Said meeting chose, Eld. James Sayward, Ensign William Haskell, Nathaniel Surgeant, Mr Thomas Bray, and Mr Nathaniel Ellery, Select men for this town, for year ensuing viz. 1721.

Constables for 1721.

Select men.

5. Said meeting chose James Parsons, sen<sup>r</sup>, Town Clerk for year ensuing.

Town clerk.

6. Said meeting chose, Thomas William, William Haskell, Jun<sup>r</sup>, James Lane, James Sawyer, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and James Parsons Jun<sup>r</sup>, Surveyors of high ways, for this town, for year ensuing, viz. 1721.

Surveyors

7. Said meeting chose, William Ring, Samuel Griffin, and Ebenezer Parsons, for viewers of fences, for year ensuing.

Fence Viewers

8. Said meeting chose Joseph Whiston, for Dealer of Leather.

9. Said meeting chose Benjamin Harraden, Symonds Low, Thomas Allen, and John Day jun<sup>r</sup>, Tything men, for the year 1721.

Tything men.

10. Said meeting chose John Ring, Town Treasurer, for year 1721.

Treasurer.

11. Said Meeting chose, Lieut John Davis, Capt. John Harraden, Ensign William Haskell, Capt. William Card, Joseph Gardner, James Wallis, Mr Nathaniel Surgeant, Mr Ebenezer Davis, and Mr Nathaniel Ellery, Cullers of fish for year

Cullers of fish

12. Said meeting chose John Goodridge, John Putman, Henry Lyth, Morris Smith, Samuel Pierce, hog-receivers for this town for the year ensuing, viz. 1721.

hog-receivers.

13. Said meeting voted, That all Swine in this town may go at large, under the Regulation in the Law provide for this year ensuing, viz. 1721.

Then said meeting adjourned, or continued till to morrow at 8. Instant at three of the Clock in the after noon. and then met.

Said meeting Voted, That the lower way leading from the meeting house green by Capt. Coit's house and so to Mr John Day's, shall be shut up for the space of seven years, allowing Mr John Goodridge, and Mr George Harvey, and their liberty to pass and repass, through a convenient gate or bars at the Southernly End of sd way with horse or Team.

high way. Shut up

Joseph Gardner, preferring to said meeting, a petition, praying the town would consider his case relating to his mother-in-law Esther Eliwell (whom it has pleased God to Exercise much sickness, & of our past, which, with his own sickness has been his great grief, for doctors and Nursing that they would allow him something towards the defraying of sd charges. in answer to sd Petition

Jos. Gardner's  
Request

Said meeting Voted, That the select men consider the case and allow to said Gardner what they may think convenient, for defraying of part of said charges for the year past.



*m* Whidors  
Sallery 1721.  
of God lived on &  
habitant, on if Cal  
ile of & precinct line

The first said town meeting March 8. 1720/21. Voted That our Rev. Pastor in John White, shall have, one hundred pounds in good passable Bills of Credit, for his Sallery for this year ensuing viz. 1721. as also four free Contributions, viz. on the first Sabbath in June: the first in September; the first in Dec. and the first in March next ensuing the date hereof.

high way  
confirm.

Said meeting, voted their allowance, and confirmation of the high-way laid out Feb<sup>y</sup> 17. 1720/21. by the Select men, through the Harboure pasture from Dutches slow, to Little good Harbor neck.

(finis)

Representative  
Chosen 1721.

At a town meeting held in Gloucester May 16. 1721. Pursuant to a precept from the Hon. Daniel Denison Sheriff, to Chose a Representative said meeting did Elect, and depuie in Samuel Stevens of D Gloucester men to serve for and Represent this town in the great General Court or Assembly of this Province to be convened at Boston the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1721. Said Stevens was Chosen to serve as above. for this year 1721. by the major part of the Electors present at said meeting. (18. of 30.)

(finis)

ors Chosen

At a town meeting held in Gloucester June 13. 1721. pursuant to a Notification set up by Andrew Robinson Const. Said meeting chose Joseph Whitton, and Benjamin Haskell junr. to serve on the Jury of tryals at the Inferior Court of Common pleas, and General Sessions of the peace, to be holden at Salem for the County of Essex on the last Tuesday of June Instant.

(finis)

Representative  
Chosen agree  
2. 1721.

The General Court being Dissolved, The Select men of this town pursuant to a precept directed them from a Sheriff ordered a town meeting, which was held in Gloucester August 2. 1721. to Chose a Representative, said meeting chose in Samuel Stevens men to Represent this town in the great General Court to be convened and hold at Boston Aug: 23. Instant.

(finis)

Selectmen  
Impowered

At a town meeting was held in Gloucester August 14. 1721. To grant a town Rate: and to hear if treasurers accounts &c. in Ezekiel Collins was Chosen moderator for said meeting.

Town Rate  
for 1721.

3. L. allowed  
to S. Gardner

1. Said meeting, voted, that the Select men be and are hereby fully Impowred to proportion & levie the hundred pounds which is our Rev. Pastor in Sallery for this year 1721. on the poles & Estates of if Inhabitants & Residents of this town living on the Easterly side of if precinct line, as if law directs.
2. Said meeting, voted, that a town Rate is granted, amounting to one hundred twenty Pounds, and if Select men ordered, Equally to proportion and levy it according to law, on if Inhabitants & Residents of this town; and if for defraying of the town Charges, viz. To pay the Representative: the School master: for the Relief of if poor: to pay if County our proportion to it: for the Select men's Expenses: and other Contingent Charges arising in if town.
3. Said Meeting voted, that three pounds be allowed to Joseph Gardner out of if town Treasury, towards the maintenance of his mother in law, Esther Edwell. and in consideration of her great weakness.
4. Said Meeting Voted That whosoever shall come to sojourn, or dwell in this town, and remain above thirty days, without giving in his or her name, to one or more of if Select men of said town for the time being and from time to time, shall forfeit to the use of the poor of this town, the sum of ten shillings, and so ten shillings per month for every month's neglect after ward. And it is further ordered by

Names to be  
given in to  
if Select men

Every month's neglect after ward. That whosoever that are Inhabitants or Residents in said meeting, That whosoever that are Inhabitants or persons, that are not settled in this town, shall entertain any person or persons, that are not settled in this town, above the space of 30. days, without giving in the name or names of such person or persons, to one or more of the Select men of this town, shall for every person so entertained forfeit the sum of twenty shillings, and so 20. s. per month for every month's neglect after ward, to be recovered by the town Treasurers from time to time, for the use of the poor of this town.

(finis)

Assessors  
Sworn  
Sept. 6. 1721.

At a meeting of if Inhabitants of if New precinct, March 2. 1720 Timothy Day and Mark Haskell were Chosen Assessors for the year 1721. and were sworn as if law directs to the said precinct Charge of their duty in if affair, Sept 6. 1721. before James Parsons Town Clerk. John Millett, was also Chosen at if above D precinct meeting Assessor for D precinct for this year, and took the Assessors oath Sept. 11. 1721. before James Parsons Town Clerk.

Collector  
Chosen

Oct. 4. 1721.

At a town meeting held in Gloucester Oct. 4. 1721. To Chose a Collector, Trustees, and Confirm some high ways.

in Samuel Stevens was Chosen Moderator for D meeting Said meeting chose John Prune Collector for this part of if town Easterly side of the precinct line: to Collect, and gather all Rates shall be Comitted to him by the Selectmen for this year, and to pay it where they shall order it.

Then the meeting adjourned till next Tuesday at ten a Clock. (10. Ins)

## Town Meetings in Gloucester (1721.)

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester Oct<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1721  
by adjournment from y<sup>e</sup> fourth Instant.  
Said Meeting Chose m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> N. Nevens, Ens<sup>l</sup> William  
Haskell, Leiv<sup>t</sup> John Davis to be a Com<sup>tee</sup> & Trustees  
for this Town to receive out of the Province Treas-  
ury the six hundred Pound, & ten shillings which is  
our towns part of y<sup>e</sup> fifty thousand Pounds (of Bills  
of Credit) according to the act of the general Court.  
Said meeting Voted, That said Trustees shall, and are hereby fully Im-  
powered, to sell out the said, 600<sup>l</sup>. 10<sup>s</sup>. 5<sup>d</sup>. at 6per. Cent. per Annum  
To any persons now dwelling in this town, provided they take good and  
Sufficient Security (in the towns behalf) for so much as they shall let.  
provided also that no person shall have above 30<sup>l</sup>. for the first 20  
Days after said Trustees have set up severall publick Notifications  
that said money is ready to be let: and that y<sup>e</sup> trustees let no sum  
less than 50<sup>l</sup>. and taken for shall be for one year, and also said  
Trustees are obliged to give an Exact account to this town of  
their doings in this matter once a year, yearly; and pay in the  
Interest to the town, or their order.  
Said meeting allowed and confirmed the private highway laid out  
by the select men march 30. 1721. from the End of Warner's fence  
to Ellerys Cove.  
Where as John Prince at a meeting on y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Instant was Chosen  
Collector, he now appeared and declared his Refusal to serve, and  
paid 3<sup>l</sup>. to the select men, then said meeting Chose Thomas Riggs  
Collector for this part of y<sup>e</sup> town on y<sup>e</sup> Easterly side of the  
precinct line to collect, and gather all Rates that shall be  
committed to by the select men for this year, and to pay the same  
where they shall order it. (finis)

Trustees  
Chosentheir Instruct-  
ions.highway  
ConfirmedCollector  
Chosen  
Oct: 30. 1721.

At a town meeting held in Gloucester Dec<sup>r</sup> 21. 1721. to choose Jury men  
Said meeting Chose m<sup>r</sup> John Pool to serve on the Grand jury for this town  
for the year ensuing: and Elias Davis, and Joshua Elwell, to serve on y<sup>e</sup>  
Jury of Tryalls, at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas. to be holden  
at Salem on the last Tuesday of December Instant.  
(finis)

Jury men Chosen  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 21. 1721.

At the General Town Meeting held in Gloucester  
March 6. 1721/2 To choose Selectmen, Constabls, and other  
officers to serve in this town for the year ensuing, viz. 1722.

1. m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Mian King, Timothy Day, and Benjamin Kina cum were  
Chosen (monitors) to y<sup>e</sup> votes in said meeting.
2. Said meeting Chose m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Sargeant, Samuel Griffen, and  
Henry Haskell, Constabls for this town for this year. (1722)
3. Said meeting Chose, m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Sargeant, m<sup>r</sup> Deziel Collins, Eld<sup>r</sup>  
James Sayward, Abraham Sawyer, & Thomas Bray Jun<sup>r</sup>.  
Selectmen for this town for this year (1722)
4. Said meeting Chose Eld<sup>r</sup> James Parsons Town Clerk, for this year. (1722)
5. Said meeting Chose Leiv<sup>t</sup> James Davis, Town Treasurer for this year.
6. Said meeting Chose Leiv<sup>t</sup> James Davis, Town Treasurer for this year.
7. Said meeting Chose, John Allen, Samuel Peirce, Ebenezer Parsons,  
Nathaniel Millett, George Stirvey, Joseph Pray, and Samuel  
Gott, Surveyors of High ways for this year. (1722)
8. Said meeting Chose, Capt. Nathaniel Coit, m<sup>r</sup> Symonds Low, and  
Benjamin Kina cum for viewers of fences.
9. Said meeting Chose Capt. Joseph Allen for Sealer of weights  
and measures: and Clerk of the market.
10. Said meeting Chose, John Sargeant, John Roberts, Benjamin Kina  
& cum, & Ebenezer Parsons Tything men for this year. (1722)
11. Said meeting Chose, Thomas Millett (cordwainer) and Daniel Haskell  
for Sealers of Leather.
12. Said meeting Chose Samuel Hodgkins, Joseph Harraden, Josiah Haskell  
Jonathan Parsons, & James Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> for Hagg-reeves.
13. Quest. Whether the Swine in this town shall go at large this year  
under the Regulation according to law. Voted affirmative.
14. Said meeting Chose, Leiv<sup>t</sup> John Davis, Ens<sup>l</sup> William Haskell, m<sup>r</sup> William  
Carr, m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Sargeant, Joseph Gardner, James Wallis, &  
Capt. John Harraden, for Cullers of fish.

constabls.

Selectmen

Town Clerk.

Town Treasurer

Surveyors of  
high ways.

viewers of fences

Sealer of weights

Tything men

Sealers of leather

Hagg-reeves.

27. large.

30. small

Cullers of fish

40.3. for a

year.

March 6. 1721/2 (finis)

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Representative  
Chosen.

At a town meeting held in Gloucester May 8. 1722.  
To chuse a Representative, to serve for and Represent this town in  
the great and Court, for this year ensuing.

1. M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Stevens m<sup>r</sup>. was chosen for said Service. by 20. of 31.
2. said meeting Voted, That there be a free Contribution (quarterly) for the  
quarinty for this year, as in ye years fore going.
3. said meeting Voted, allowed, and confirmed 2. high-ways laid out by 4. select men  
viz. one, from S<sup>r</sup>g. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Wharfs to y<sup>e</sup> falling mill. and from m<sup>r</sup> Coffin's  
farm to y<sup>e</sup> westward of m<sup>r</sup> William King's house, see page 104. in y<sup>e</sup> Book.  
(finis)

Jurors Chosen

June 13. 1722.

At a town meeting held in Gloucester June 13. 1722. (By order of  
M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Sargeant Constable) To chuse 2. Jury men to serve  
on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of Tryalls at y<sup>e</sup> next Inferior Court to be holden at  
Salem on y<sup>e</sup> last Tuesday of June Instant. said meeting chose  
John Dargree, and at Sabez Baker, to serve at d<sup>e</sup> Court.  
(finis)

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester July 16. 1722.

To grant a town Rate &c. Eld. James Sayword was chosen moderator  
said meeting Voted, That a town Rate amounting to one hundred  
Pounds, is granted to be proportioned and Levied on all the Inhabitants  
and Sojourners in this town Rate as is according to Law; and also for  
the defraying of town Charges, viz. To pay the Representative: the  
School-master: our proportion to our County Rate: for the Relief of  
our poor: and other Contrivant Charges arising in y<sup>e</sup> town. and to  
be collected, and paid into the town Treasury, on or before the 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of September next ensuing if date here of.

A town Rate  
Given  
100.£

2. said meeting vote That m<sup>r</sup> Sargeant widow, and her son Eggs  
Sargeant, and m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Elory, have Liberty to Sell up a  
Pew in y<sup>e</sup> meeting-house on the Right hand as we come in at the front  
Door, the breadth of two seats, and no further Eastward, then the first  
Pillar, not suffering on y<sup>e</sup> great alley, nor y<sup>e</sup> alley by fire y<sup>e</sup> pews,  
nor to make it higher than m<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup>g. Wharfs Pew.  
(finis)

Liberty to Sell  
up a Pew.

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester December 4<sup>th</sup> 1722.

the town Treasurer  
Ordered to receive  
y<sup>e</sup> Interest money  
1722.

Capt Nathaniel Coit was chosen moderator for said meeting.  
said meeting chose the town Treasurer (viz. Let. James Davis) and fully  
powered him to demand, and receive of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees (viz. m<sup>r</sup> Samuel  
Stevens, E<sup>n</sup>l. William Haskell, and Let. John Davis) the Interest of the  
600.£. sa. s. (by them received of y<sup>e</sup> province treasury for this town)  
for the year past, viz. from October 1721. to October 1722. being  
the sum of 36.£. 8. s. 7. d. for y<sup>e</sup> Towns use: and said Treasurer to render  
an account to y<sup>e</sup> town, of his doings there in at y<sup>e</sup> next town meeting.  
(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester December 17. 1722.

Jurors  
Chosen

To chuse Jury men &c. Eld. James Sayword was chosen moderator.  
1. said meeting chose Capt Nathaniel Coit, to serve on the Grand  
Jury for this town for the year ensuing.  
2. said meeting chose Daniel Collins, and Ezekiel Day Jun<sup>r</sup> to  
serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of tryalls at y<sup>e</sup> next Inferior Court of Com<sup>on</sup>  
pleas to be holden at Salem the last Tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup> Instant.  
(finis)

At the General Town meeting held in Gloucester March  
3. 1723/4 for Chusing of Town Officers &c.

Eld. James Sayword was chosen moderator for said meeting.

James Parsons, John Dray, and Thomas Sargeant, were chosen to  
tell votes for said meeting.

1. said meeting chose James Parsons, town Clerk for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing 1723.
2. said meeting, chose Jonathan Stanwood m<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Allen, and  
Timothy Day, jun<sup>r</sup> Constables for this town for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing. 1723.
3. said meeting chose, S<sup>r</sup>g. Ebenezer Davis, m<sup>r</sup> Thomas William  
Abraham Sawyer, John Bennett, and William Haskell, Tinner  
Select-men for this town for the year ensuing. 1723.
4. said meeting chose Let. James Davis town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year  
this town for the year ensuing 1723.
5. said meeting, chose, m<sup>r</sup> John Pool, Nathaniel Sawyer, Joseph Haynes  
the 3<sup>d</sup>. James Lane, John Sargeant, John Millet, Eld. James Sayword,  
and S<sup>r</sup>g. Nathaniel Wharfs, Surveyors of High-ways for this town  
for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing 1723.

Town Clerk.

Constables.

Select. men.

Town Treasurer.

Surveyors of H. ways.

Sealer of weights.

Tything men.

Viewers of fairs.

Cullers of fish.

Hog-reeves.

6. said meeting chose John Ring, for Sealer of weights, and measures.
7. said meeting chose James Wallis, John Gooding, William Ring  
and Anthony Bennett, Tything-men, for this town for y<sup>e</sup> year 1723.
8. said meeting chose Benjamin Kima cum, Joseph Dayson, James Dyer  
for viewers of fairs for this town for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing 1723.
9. said meeting chose m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Sargeant, m<sup>r</sup> William Carr  
James Sawyer, George Harvey, m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Elory, Let. John Davis  
S<sup>r</sup>g. Ebenezer Davis, James Wallis, and E<sup>n</sup>l. William Haskell  
Cullers of fish for the year ensuing 1723.
10. said meeting chose Daniel Smith, m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Dwell, John Allen,  
Thomas Wise, and John Dabson sen<sup>r</sup>, for Hog-reeves for this town  
for the year ensuing 1723.

11. Said meeting, Voted Liberty for the Swine in this town to go at large this year, 1723, being yoked and Ringed according to law.
  12. Said meeting, Chose John Babson son, and James Sawyer, Shipwrights Sealers of woad.
  13. Said meeting, having Received an account of ye Trustees of the Change and Expende, they were at in Receiving of  $\text{£} 600$  L. 10s out of the Province Treasury, for a Dock 1215 and for letting  $\text{£} 10$  money out to several persons, and Receiving the Interest for  $\text{£} 10$  year past, voted to  $\text{£} 10$  Trustees 6s per Day, and not allowing the  $\text{£} 10$  13s.
  14. Said meeting, Voted That if town Treasurer is fully Impowered to let out the Interest of  $\text{£} 10$  money at 6. per. cent on good Security.
  15. Said meeting Voted,  $\text{£} 10$  10s. to Mr Samuel Stevens, in consideration of his Extraordinary Expens. when the General Court sat at Otumw in Cambridge in the time of  $\text{£} 10$  Small-pox.
- Note Jonathan Sta (finis) in woad paid his  $\text{£} 10$  in evening.

At a town meeting held in Gloucester April 3. 1723. to Chuse a man to serve as Constable for year Ensuing, in the room of Jonathan Stainwood, Capt. Joseph Allen was Chose Moderator for  $\text{£} 10$  meeting.

1.  $\text{£} 10$  meeting Chose George Harvey jun<sup>r</sup> to serve as constable for this town for this year 1723.
2.  $\text{£} 10$  meeting voted full power to the Select men of this town to make Suitable orders to prevent the bringing of any Sheep in this town that are Sick or have the Scabb.

(finis)

At the town meeting held in Gloucester May 1. 1723.

- Samp. Ebenezer Davis was Chosen moder. for  $\text{£} 10$  meeting.
1. Said meeting Chose Ed. James Sayword Representative for this town for  $\text{£} 10$  year Ensuing, and not accepting  $\text{£} 10$  service.
2. Said meeting proceeded and Chose Mr Samuel Sargeant to serve as Representative for this town at the great and General Court or Assembly of this Province for the year Ensuing.

(finis)

Mr Samuel Sargeant not accepting

At a town meeting held in Gloucester May 15. 1723.

- Samp. Ebenezer Davis was Chosen moderator
- Said meeting Chose Edw or James Sayword to Represent this town in the great and General Court or assembly of this Province for this year 1723.

(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester June 25. 1723. to Chuse Jurors.

- Said meeting Chose John Corney, and John Millett, to serve on the Jury of Trials, and General Sessions of  $\text{£} 10$  peace to be holden at Salem on  $\text{£} 10$  last tuesday of June Instant according to warrant.

(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester July 23. 1723. to grant a town Rate, and to confirm high ways, and other buisness.

- Said meeting, and Granted, That a town Rate amounting to one hundred and thirty Pounds, To be leyed on all the Inhabitants, and Residents in this town Rateable according to law; and to be Equally proportioned by the Select men as the Law directs, and to be paid in to the Town Treasurer on, or before the twentieth day of September next Ensuing if date here of: and is for Defraying of town Charges viz. To pay the Representative; the School-master: for the Relief of the poor: and to pay our proportion to the County Rate: and to provide a town Stock of powder & other ammunition; and other Contingent Charges arising in the town.

2. Said meeting voted a Confirmation of a private way laid out by the Select men July 15. 1723. from the high way that lead by the precinct meetinghouse, near the house that David Ring's, from thence to Joseph Proyd's house and so to Joseph Ingalls.

3. Said meeting, Considering the want of Bulls in the town voted that any person that is an Inhabitant in this town, that shall keep a good Bull, between two years old, & 6. free for the publick use of the town, and shall have the approbation of the Select men of this town for the same under their hands, within ten days after the year begins, which will be on the 26. day of March next, 1724. Such person or persons shall receive out of the town treasury fifteen shillings per Annum for every such Bull.

4. For the better Information about Strays, said meeting, that if first Tuesday in December next, be a tol day, that all such persons as shall take up any stray or strays, Neat Cattle, Sheep, or horse, within this town, bring such strays, to the pound, or the account, and mark of them, on  $\text{£} 10$  Day: that the Owners of strays may know, where, and how to obtain them.
5. Said meeting, voted that the Select men order Mr Samuel Stevens jun<sup>r</sup> to open and cleanse the Cuff, forth with so that vessels may pass through as formerly; and if he refuse, or neglect to do it, then the Select men to make application to the General Court in the towns behalf that it may be opened, Cleaned, and repaired.

(finis)



At a town meeting held in Gloucester Nov. 21. 1723.

Capt. Nathaniel Coit was chosen moderator

1. Said meeting voted, That the Interest money of the 600<sup>l</sup>. Shall be lett out at lawfull Interest, good Security being taken for the Same.
2. Said meeting voted, That said Interest money be delivered to the town Treasurer, and he is fully Impowered to lett it out for lawfull Interest for the towns use, taking good Security for it.

Interest money  
for year 1723

Relating to  
the Cutt

Where as there is on the N. W. Side of Cape Ann Harbour, a Bank or Sea wall the matter where of is Small Stones and gravel on which lins the only high way into the town (Excepting over arnesquam river) and the town granted to Mr Richard Blyman liberty to digg or cutt a channell through D Bank, for vessels to pass through, Reserving to the Inhabitants of this town free passage through D Cutt or Channell, and in february last past there being a very great storm, and an Exceeding high Tide which filled up D Channell, and Mr Samuel Stevens ju<sup>r</sup> the Reputed owner of D Channell, Refusing to Clear, and repair it. the Select men of this town presented a petition To, and prayed the Hon. Generall Court, to Order the Clearing and Repairing of D Channell as they in their great wisdom shall think most Convenient. and a hearing of D case being appointed the 27. of Nov. Instant that D Stevens may shew Cause if any he have. why the prayer of the petition may not be granted. Wherefore

3. At a town meeting in Gloucester Nov. 21. 1723. Said meeting voted, that Eld. James Say word be an agent in the towns behalf to answer Mr Samuel Stevens if there shall be occasion and to lay before D Hon<sup>l</sup> Court the Rights and privileges in D Cutt or Channell be longing to this town, so that the town may not be obliged to be at any Cost or Charge in clearing and repairing of said Cutt or Channell.

(fms)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester Dec. 27. 1723

Jurors Chosen  
Dec. 1723.

to chuse Jurors. Let. James Davis moderator  
Said meeting chose. Ens. William Haskell, and James Parsons ju<sup>r</sup> to serve on the Grand Jury for this town for the year Ensuing. and Isaac Randell, and James Dyke to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the Inferior Court of Common-pleas to be holden at Salem on y<sup>e</sup> last the 30<sup>y</sup> of December Instant.

(fms)

General  
At a town Meeting held in Gloucester March 3. 1723/4

To chuse town Officers for the year 1724.

1. Mr Samuel Stevens, ju<sup>r</sup> was chosen moderator for D meeting.
2. John Sargeant, Benj. Kinacum, & John Matchett, were chosen to tell the votes in D meeting.
3. Said meeting voted to chuse three Constables for this town for y<sup>e</sup> year 1724. Chose John Lane ju<sup>r</sup> and William Haskell, Tanner were chosen Constables for this town for the year Ensuing. at the request of Samuel Pione, said meeting voted, and Dismissed him from serving as constable for the year Ensuing, and John Lane paid out Mr Samuel Sargeant, and John Sargeant, were chosen the next day, to serve this town as Constables for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing.
4. Said meeting, chose, Daniel Ang, Thomas Brays ju<sup>r</sup>, John Bennet, Thomas William, and Ebenezer Parsons, Select men for this town for y<sup>e</sup> year 1724.
5. Said meeting, chose James Parsons for town Clerk for the year Ensuing, 1724.
6. Said meeting, Ordered the by-law Relating to Infradious Sheep to be read; and then voted, That said by-law is revived, and Shall be in full force and power for the year Ensuing, and till the 16. day of July 1725.
7. Said meeting, voted, That the town high-ways, Shall be repaired, by a town Rate, the year Ensuing, viz. 1724.
8. Said meeting voted, to have 5. Surveyors for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing.
9. Said meeting, chose, Iabez Baker, John Millett, Thomas Riggs ju<sup>r</sup>, John Bray, and James Sawyer, Surveyors of high-ways, for the year Ensuing.
10. Said meeting, chose Eld. James Davis Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing.
11. Said meeting chose Capt. Joseph Ethen for Sealer of weights and Measures, for the year Ensuing.
12. Said meeting chose, Sarg<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Davis, John White cord<sup>r</sup>, Isaac Sawyer, Samuel Parsons, and James Lane Tything men for this town for the year Ensuing.
13. Said meeting voted that the Swine in this town may go at large.
14. Said meeting chose, Stephen Clay, William Davis, Mr Nathaniel Eld. Benjamin Davis, James Dyke, and John Haskell, Hog-reivers for this town for the year Ensuing.

Constables Chosen

5<sup>l</sup>. paid.

Select men.

Town Clerk.

by law, revived.

High-ways Repaired

Surveyors of high  
ways.

Town Treasurer

Sealer of weights.

Tything men.

Swine at large.

Hog-Reiver

15. Said meeting Chose John Sargeant, Benjamin Kinnear, and Ebenezer Lufkin, for Viewers of fences for this town for y<sup>e</sup> year 1724.
  16. Said meeting Chose Joseph Whitson, and Daniel Haskell for Sealers of Leather for the year Ensuing.
  17. Said meeting Chose m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Stevens, and James Sawyer for Sealers of wood for the year Ensuing.
- Then d<sup>d</sup> meeting adjourned till to morrow-morning at 3. a clock and then met, March 4. 1723/4
18. Said meeting having heard and Considered our Rev. Pastour m<sup>r</sup> Whites, Complaint Relating to his Sallery as not being sufficient to support his family. Voted That an hundred and sixty pounds in good Bills of Credit, be levied on the Inhabitants and Residents on the Easterly side of Elmestown River, Rateable according to Law, and the Select-men of this town to proportion it, and give a warrant or warrants to the Constable or constables Seasonably to Collect and pay the Same into the town Treasury, for the use of our Rev. m<sup>r</sup> White for his Sallery for this Ensuing year Viz. 1724. and so from year to year during the Towns pleasure.
  19. Said meeting Voted, and Chose Capt. Andrew Robinson and Epps Sargeant Esq. to Treat with Samuel Stevens ju<sup>e</sup> Relating to the opening and clearing of the Cutt. and to make Report of their doings therein to the town.

(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester May 12. 1724.

El<sup>d</sup>. James Sayword, was Chosen & Deputed to Serve as Representative at the great General Court or assembly of this Province for this town, for this year, 1724.

(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester May 25. 1724.

Ezekiel Collins was Chosen Moderator.

1. Said Meeting Voted, That a town Rate amounting to one hundred, and Eighty pounds is granted to be levied on all the Inhabitants and Residents belonging to this town that are Rateable according to law, and to be Equally proportioned by the Select-men as the law directs, who are also Seasonably to give perfect Bills and Warrants to the Constables to Collect and pay the Same in to the Town Treasurer on, or before the first day of October next coming, for the use of y<sup>e</sup> town, and for Defraying of the Necessary Charges arising in the town, viz. To pay the School-master: the Representative: for the Relief of the poor: To pay our proportion to the County Rate: for defraying the Necessary Charges of repairing the high-ways in this town this year 1724. for the Select-mens necessary Expences, and other necessary Contingent charges arising in the Town.

2. Said Meeting Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Collins and fully Impowered him in the towns behalf to present m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Stevens ju<sup>e</sup> To the Court of generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Salem within four the County of Essex on the last Tuesday of June next coming, for that d<sup>d</sup> Stevens neglectedh and Refuseth to clear and Repair the Cutt, according to the order of the Generall Court in the year 1705. And at a town meeting in Gloucester June 9. 1724. d<sup>d</sup> meeting Voted, and said Collins is further Ordered, and Impowered to make answer to such Reasons as d<sup>d</sup> Stevens shall give in to d<sup>d</sup> Court, why he Refuseth to clear and repair said Cutt. and to make report of his doings there on to y<sup>e</sup> town.

(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester June 9. 1724. to Chuse Jurors. Capt. Coit was Chosen Moderator

m<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Collins, and Isaac Sawyer were Chosen Jurors to Serve on the Jury at y<sup>e</sup> Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and generall Sessions of the peace to be holden at Salem on the last Tuesday of June Instant.

(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester October 20. 1724.

m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Evelyn was Chosen Moderator for d<sup>d</sup> meeting, and James Payson, Tho. Bray, and Ebenezer Parsons to tell Votes.

1. After much debate in said meeting about opening & clearing the Cutt. it was Concluded, That, by a vote of y<sup>e</sup> town, and the Order of y<sup>e</sup> Generall Court, in y<sup>e</sup> year 1705. that all vessels Sloops, Shallops or others that through the Cutt. whose Masters belong to this town, should pay a toll of 7.5 per annum and all Strangers to pay a toll of 25. per time for every time they passe through, to be paid to the owner of the Cutt. Said Meeting Voted, That for y<sup>e</sup> Encouragement of opening and clearing of the Cutt. and keeping of it in good bridge over it in good serviceable Repair, a toll of fourteen shillings per annum be paid by the masters of vessels belonging to this town for whom the bridge must be turned for their passage. that is fourteen shillings per annum for each vessel, and Strangers to pay 25. shillings per time

A town Rate  
180<sup>l</sup>.

To present  
Stevens.

Jurors chosen

14.5. p<sup>e</sup>  
13.5. p<sup>e</sup>  
the Cutt.



- October 20. 1724.
- Vote 33. 6d per day pro & 33
- high way confirmed
- Select men to order pay ment
2. The Question was put to said meeting When they would open and clear the Cuth, It passed in the Negative.
  3. The Question was put to said meeting, what they would allow a day to those men that have wrought upon the high ways this year Voted That three Shillings & 6d. per day is allowed to those men that have work to Repair <sup>if</sup> high ways this year for if time past. James Sawyer and John Mallett protest against vote
  4. Said meeting, voted an allowance and Confirmation of a high way laid out by the Select men May 26. 1724. from the head of Little River to the way that comes up from Kettle Cove, provided that no money be drawn out of the town treasury for the repairing of it, by virtue of the vote March 3. 1724.
  5. Said meeting Voted, That the Select men do carefully Examine and adjust the accounts with the Surveyors; and <sup>order</sup> payment to the work men for this present year.
  6. To the Hon. <sup>Magistrate</sup> his Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Salem on the last tuesday of October Current. These may Certifie your Hon.<sup>rs</sup> that where as Ichab Bennett owns and Improves a corn-mill which stands on a brook which was formerly m<sup>rs</sup> John Emersons; and given by the town for that use, and Improved by said m<sup>rs</sup> Emerson by a Corn-Mill: Therefore the town finding so mill very Beneficial, by Reason of its being in a very convenient place: and also the town would suffer for want of grinding if d Bennetts mill is hindered from going: for that the town must have an other mill in some other place, for all what the Mills would do Improved by John Riggs: and there is other place so convenient besides them where d Bennetts and d Riggs Mills stand. In d meeting the above written was Read, and Voted to be presented to d Court. (finis)

Jurors Chosen

At a town meeting held in Gloucester Dec<sup>r</sup> 15. 1724.

Ezekiel Collins Moderator  
Said meeting Chose Othrahun Sawyer to serve on the Grand Jury for this for the year ensuing: and William Haskell d<sup>d</sup> and John Riggs ju<sup>r</sup> to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of comon-pleas, and general Sessions of the peace to be holden at Salem on the last tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup>. Instant (finis)

Interest Money.  
1724. & 1725.At a town meeting held in Gloucester Dec<sup>r</sup> 23. 1724.

Let John Davis moder.  
said meeting Voted That the Trustees pay the Interest, of the £. 600. which they have Received for the year past, viz. they ear 1724. as also the Interest that shall be paid for the year ensuing viz. 1725. when it is due, m to the town Treasurer for the towns use, who is hereby fully Impowered, to let out d Interest, with the Interest of the former Interest for Lawfull Interest, provided he takes good Security for the same in the towns behalf. (finis)

1724/5

At the General Town Meeting held in Gloucester March 9. 1724/5 to Chuse town Officers for the year 1725.

m<sup>r</sup> Elias Davis was chosen Moderator for d meet

Thomas Riggs ju<sup>r</sup>. James Davis, and John Riggs were Chosen monitors, or, to tell the votes in d meeting.

Constables Chosen

Said meeting Chose Benjamin Kinacum, Symonds Low, and John Bray, to serve as Constables for this town for the year ensuing viz. 1725.

L<sup>d</sup> paid  
L<sup>d</sup> paid.

Benjamin Kinacum, and Symonds Low, Refusing to serve Paid each of them five pounds to the moderator.

Then said meeting Chose m<sup>r</sup> Peter Doliver and John Harraden, to serve as Constables for the year 1725.

2. Said meeting Chose Ebenezer Parsons, Thomas Bmy. Select men  
Sarg. Ebenezer Davis, Enj. Joseph Allen, and W. Edward Chosen  
Tompson, Select men for this town for the year, 1725.
3. Said meeting, Chose Ed James Parsons Town-Clerk for this Town clerk  
town for the year Ensuing. viz. 1725. --
4. Said Meeting Chose, M Samuel Galt, M Thomas Allen, Surveyors  
Sarg. Nathaniel Wharff, Eliezer Parsons, John Brown, of high-ways.  
Jacob Haskell and Daniel Smith, Surveyors of high-ways, for this town for the year Ensuing. 1725.
5. Said meeting Chose John Allen, John Day jr, Jabez Baker, Tything men  
Joseph Haskell jr. and James Sawyer carp.<sup>le</sup> Tything men for  
this town for the year Ensuing. 1725.
6. Said meeting Chose, Ebenezer Parsons, Thomas Witham, and fence viewers  
Henry Haskell, for fence viewers for the year 1725.
7. Said meeting, Chose Daniel Haskell, & Samuel Parsons, for Sealers Sealers of leather  
of Leather.
8. Said meeting, Chose Let James Davis Town Treasurer for the year 1725. Town Treasurer
9. Said meeting Voted That Swine may go at large this year? and then  
Chose Samuel Griffen, Ebenezer Tarbox, James Sawyer cond.<sup>2</sup> hog-receiv.  
Thomas Riggs jr, Samuel Allen, and Timothy Day jr, hog-receiv  
for this town for the year Ensuing. 1725.
10. Said meeting, Chose M Samuel Stevens, M<sup>t</sup> Let John Davis, and - Sealers of wood  
Symonds Low for Sealers of wood.
11. Said meeting Voted That 40.s. be allowed to John Day out of  
the town Treasury, in consideration of his extraordinary charge 40.s. to  
about the window Gooding. John Day
12. Said meeting, Voted That Daniel Smith has liberty to set up a good  
gate a cross the high-way near the Steep-banks, during the towns  
pleasure. Also That Thomas Witham has the same liberty Cates set up.  
to set up a good gate a cross the high-way near Jabez Baker's  
land, to stand during the Town's pleasure.
13. Said meeting Voted. That the vote passed July 23. 1723. Relating Vote Reconsidered  
to keeping bulls for publick use, is Reconsidered, and no longer in force.
14. Said meeting, voted, That 15.s. be allowed out of the town Treasury 15.s. to Joseph  
to Joseph Gunner for the use of his bull the year past. Gunner.  
(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester may 17. 1725.

Enj. Joseph Allen was chosen moderator

1. Said meeting, Chose M. Samuel Stevens to serve at the Great Representative  
and generall Court, as Representative for this town for this Chosen  
year 1725.
2. Said meeting Voted That M Samuel Stevens shall be allowed wages 3.s. p day  
out of the town treasury so much more than the law allows  
day as to make up 3.s. p day for every day that he shall serve  
at the Generall Court, as Representative for this town this year.
3. Said meeting Voted That Eld. James Sayword shall have one 1.s. p day  
shilling per day added to his wages for the year past for his service added  
as Representative at the Generall Court for this town.
4. Said meeting Chose, Josiah Lane Constable for this town Constable Chosen  
5. Said meeting voted, that the select men are Impoverished in  
the towns behalf, to hire 50.L. at 6.s. cent. to pay the towns Order to him  
Debts: and to be paid again out of the next town Rate, with 50.L.  
the Interest. -- -- --  
(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester may 25. 1725.

Sarg. Ebenezer Davis was chosen moderator for a meeting.

- Benj. Kinnacum, Daniel Haskell, and Saml. Allen, were chosen to tell votes
1. Said meeting Chose M. Thomas Riggs junr to serve as Constable Constable  
for this town, for this year; Josiah Lane Refusing to serve. Chosen
2. Said meeting Voted That the order Relating to Infections Over Rerived  
Sheep is Revived and in full force and power for one year
3. Said meeting Voted That the select men forthwith set up fence to be set  
or cause to be set up a good sufficient fence, with a Con- up.  
venient gate on the High-way, between the Cult. and  
William Parsons's house. (finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester June 21. 1725.

Ed. James Sayword was chosen Moderator

- John Bray, Saml. Griffen, and Benj. Kinnacum were chosen to tell votes Jurors Chosen
- Said meeting Chose, Thomas Witham and John Ring, to serve on  
the Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas  
to be holden at Salem on the last Tuesday of June Instant.  
(finis) to page 110.



At a town Meeting held in Gloucester June 21. 1725. by Order of the Select-men.

Eld. James Sayword was Chosen Moderator for said meeting. Stephen Row, Sam<sup>l</sup> Griffin, and John Horraden, were Chosen to tell votes.

1. Said meeting Voted to Chose a Constable, Because Thomas Riggs, who was Chosen at the last meeting may 25. Refused to serve.
2. Said meeting Chose Joshua Norwood, to serve as Constable for this town for this year, 1725.
3. Said meeting Voted That a town Rate amounting to one hundred and sixty pounds; To be levied on all the Inhabitants and Residents in this town, that are Rateable according to law, and the Select-men to proportion it as Equally as they can, and Seasonably to give Warrants to the Constables to Collect and pay the same in to the town Treasurer on, or before the last day of September next ensuing. And is for the Defraying the Town Charges; viz. To pay the School-Master: the Representative: for the Relief of the poor: for paying our proportion to the County Rate: for paying the Select-men's necessary Expenses: and other Contingent Charges arising in the town.
4. Said meeting Voted That the way (formerly called Elwell's way) through the harber-pasture so called, be shut up during the towns pleasure; and no longer.

(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester June 30. 1725.

Eld. James Sayword was Chosen Moderator. David Plumer, John Bray, and James Parsons, Chosen to tell votes.

1. Whereas at the town meeting June 21. Instant Joshua Norwood was Chosen to serve as Constable and he Refusing to serve, the Select-men ordered this meeting, and Chose Ezekiel Day to serve as Constable for this town for this year.
2. Said meeting Voted, That the Select-men, Order that the fence about the Burying place be forth-with Repaired: as also to Consider, and propose how the Burying place may be Enlarged: and make Report to the town in due Season.

(finis)

At a town Meeting held in Gloucester Dec. 21. 1725.

Eld. Joseph Allen Chosen Moderator.

1. Said meeting Chose Ebenezer Bennett to serve on the grand Jury for this town for the year ensuing.
2. Said meeting Chose John France Rust, and Benjamin Otwell to serve on the Jury of trials at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the peace to be hold at Salem on the last Tuesday of December Instant.

(finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester Dec. 27. 1725.

Capt. Andrew Robinson was Chosen Moderator. Said meeting brought in their votes for a County Register: and were delivered to the Select-men.

(finis)

Pursuant to the notification dated Feb<sup>y</sup> 21. 1725/61 sent by the

The General Town meeting was held in Gloucester March 8. 1725/61 to chuse town Officers for this town for the 1726.

Samuel Stevens was Chosen Moderator.

Samuel Allen, John Parsons and William Parsons, were Chosen to tell the votes in said meeting.

1. Said meeting Chose Ebenezer Parsons to serve as Constable for this to year for the year ensuing viz 1726. and Jacob Haskins who hired John Bray, and said meeting Voted their acceptance of and Chose John Bray to serve as Constable for this town for this year viz 1726. Said Meeting also Chose Daniel Collins to serve as constable for this town for the year 1726. who paid five pound to the moderator. The said meeting Chose Benjamin Wheeler to serve as constable for this town for year 1726.
2. Said meeting Chose Nathaniel Clergy, William Haskins, and Edward Tompson, James Lane, and Eli Joseph Allen to serve as select men for this town for this year viz 1726.
3. Said meeting Chose James Parsons, Town Clerk for the year 1726.
4. Said meeting Chose Benjamin Kinacum, James Sawyer jr Thomas Wilham, Thomas Bray jr Samuel Griffin, and Ebenezer Parsons, Surveyors, for this town for this year 1726.
5. Said Meeting Chose John Dabson sr James Wallis, John Roberts, and Benjamin Davis, to serve as Tything men for this town for the year ensuing viz 1726.

6. said meeting chose John Sargeant, Elder James Sayword, and Abraham Sawyer, for Viewers of fences, for this town for the year Ensuing viz 1726. Viewers of fences
7. said meeting chose, Samuel Parsons, and Daniel Haskell for Sealers of Leather for the year 1726. Sealers of Leather
8. said meeting chose let. James Davis Town Treasurer for this town for the year Ensuing viz. 1726. Town Treasurer
- Then the meeting adjourned for  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour, and then met, and gave in their votes for a County Treasurer and for a County Register. Votes,
9. said meeting Voted That the Swine in this town may go at the year Ensuing viz. 1726. Swine at large
10. said meeting chose Symonds Low, Samuel Griffin, Nathaniel Bray Sr. to be Haywards or field Drivers, for this town for year Ensuing viz. 1726. field Drivers
11. said meeting chose William Haskell 4<sup>th</sup>. John Curtis, Stephen Robinson, and Samuel Gott, and John White Cord to be hogreeves for this <sup>town</sup> for the year Ensuing viz 1726. hogreeves.
12. said meeting Voted. That the town Orders or by-laws made by the Select men of this town for the year 1705. be, and hereby are Revived and in full, force, power and strength, to all intents and purposes, as when first made. Town Orders revived.
13. said meeting voted, That they Desire, the Cutch should be opened, cleared, and Repaired, and kept in good order as it was formerly. Desires that the Cutch be Cleared
- Then the meeting adjourned till tomorrow at 12. a clock and then met morth 9. and chose John Goddridge and John Allen to tell votes. adjourned
14. said meeting chose Alderman Wagners, and m Samuel Sargeant for Surveyors of high ways for this town for the year Ensuing, 1726. Surveyors chose.
15. said meeting chose Humphrey Woodbury jr for a fence viewer for this town for the year Ensuing viz. 1726. fence viewer
16. said meeting chose James Browne hogreeve for the year 1726. hogreeve chose
17. said meeting, that all the Comon land, lying Easterly from the Burying place (till you come to the high-way that leads from the town, to the Harbour) shall be and here by, is, seth, a part appropriated for a Burying place for ever: Except what may be thought convenient for way for m Joseph, dargeant to go to his house, and others, under the like Circumstances. Burying place Enlarged.
18. said meeting at the Request of Daniel Smith and others of the Neighbours, Voted. That the way or lane that comes Down from Capt. Andrews Roomsons house along before John Smiths house, & Smith hath full liberty to Shut up & way during the towns pleasure. way Shut up.
19. said meeting chose, let. James Davis, m Samuel Stevens and Elias Davis, a Comittie to lay out a convenient way, from the way that leads from the head of the harbor to the Eastren point down to Capt. Robinsons Wharf. Way laid out
- (finis)

Att a town meeting held in Gloucester May, 11. 1726.

Ens. Joseph Allen was Chosen Moderator.

1. said meeting chose, Eldr James Sayword, Representative to Represent this town in the great and General Court or Assembly of His Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of Massachusetts Bay for this year 1726. Representative chosen.
2. said meeting Voted a confirmation of severall High, ways or private ways laid out by the Select men viz. at the head of John Allens lot, from the way that leads to the Mill, down to the ferry: 2. from Salem Road, near the Bridg over the great Swamp, down to fresh-water Cove with the Bank or land place at the Cove. Ways Confirmed
3. said meeting Voted, That the Trustees viz m Samuel Stevens, Ens. William Haskell and let. John Davis, who Received the 600<sup>l</sup>. 10. s. out of the Province Treasury for this town, Do call in y<sup>e</sup> 600<sup>l</sup>. 10. s. and pay it in to the province Treasurer according to the Act of the General Court annually, and to bring Receipts from the Treasurer to the Select men of this town accordingly. Trustees to call in 600<sup>l</sup>. 10. s.

(finis)

Att a town meeting held in Gloucester May 11. 1726.

let. James Davis was Chosen Moderator.

- Pursuant to y<sup>e</sup> Constables warrant d meeting chose Thomas Riggs sen. and Richard Boyles, to serve on the Grand jury; and Mark Haskell, Daniel King, & Symonds Low, to serve on the jury of tryalls at the next Superior Court, of Judicature to be holden at Ipswich on the 3<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of May Instant. Jurors Chosen
2. said meeting Voted, Liberty, to let James Davis, Anthoney Bennett and others to set up 3. gates on 3. ways, one by John Kings: one by Merchants and one by Anthoney Bennetts During y<sup>e</sup> towns pleasure. Liberty to set up gates
3. said meeting Voted Liberty To D. Tompson John Allen and others to set up a gate, at y<sup>e</sup> head of John Allens land, over y<sup>e</sup> way that leads to the ferry, During the towns pleasure. (finis) to page 112.



Jurors chosen.

At a town meeting Gloucester June 14. 1726.

Thomas Witham moderator.

Said meeting chose Edmund Geover and John Sargeant to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common-pleas to be holden at Salem on the last tuesday of this Instant June. — (finis)

Town Rate

£200.

1726.

At a town meeting held in Gloucester July 26. 1726.

Eld. James Sayword was Chosen Moderator for the meeting.

Said meeting (be Informed by the Select men that the town is Considerable in Debt.) Voted. That a town Rate or Tax amounting to two hundred Pounds, to be Levied on all the Inhabitants and Residents in this town that are Rateable according to Law; and the Select men to proportion it as Equally as the Law; and Reasonably to give Warrants to the constables to Collect and pay the same in to the town Treasurer on or before the last day of September next Ensuing: and is for defraying the town charges: viz To pay the School-master: the Representative for the Relief of poor: for paying our proportion to the County Rate: for pay the select men's necessary Expences; and other Con-tingent Charges arising in the town.

Committee to settle acct. with the A. Treasurer.

2. Said meeting chose M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Sargeant, <sup>Eld. Joseph Allen</sup> <sup>Thomas Witham</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> James Parsons, a committee. To make up, and settle accounts with the Town Treasurer, before the middle of September next.

To divide the County Negative

3. Said meeting being Informed, That it was moved in the General Court, To divide our County of Essex and make two Counties of it; So meeting by vote declared their mindes on the Negative.

Liberty to sett up gates.

4. At the Request of Deac. Ebenezer Davis, Philip Stainwood and others, said meeting Voted Liberty To sett up two Gates, one on the Mill-Lane so called, and one on the high-way betwixt D<sup>r</sup> Plimers Land; and Thomas Sargeants Land During the towns Pleasures. — (finis)

parish meeting Nov. 11. 1726.

At a parish meeting in Gloucester Nov. 11. 1726.

Deac. Ebenezer Davis Chosen moderator

1. The Request of above 40. of our Neighbours at Squam and the live on y<sup>e</sup> northern parts of Cape, was Read in sd meeting, viz. To grant them Liberty to set up a meeting-house for the publick worship of God, in some convenient place on the unappropriated Land. after some debate the meeting was Dismist. — (finis)

At a town meeting held in Gloucester Dec. 22. 1726.

Capt. Nathaniel Coit moderator

Jurors Chosen Dec. 22. 1726

1. Said meeting chose Deac. Ebenezer Davis to serve on the grand Jury for this town for the year Ensuing viz 1727. and Capt. Andrew Robinson and James Davis jun<sup>r</sup> to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common-pleas to be holden at Salem on the last tuesday of December Currant.

2. Said meeting Voted That the Trustees, viz. M<sup>r</sup> John D<sup>r</sup> Samuel Stevens, and Eld. William Haskell, pay the Interest money that is due to the town for the year past, viz. 1726. into the town Treasurer, who here by Impowered to let put sd Interest for one year for the towns use he taking good Security for the same. — (finis)

Interest money

Town meeting

At a town meeting held in Gloucester Feb<sup>y</sup> 1. 1726.

Capt. Nathaniel Coit Chosen moderator

Agent chose

Joshua Eliwell, James Davis, and Tho<sup>s</sup> Parsons Chosen to be and then Debated on the case Relating to the Clearing of the Cutt. and then

1. Said meeting chose Eld. James Sayword Agent, and fully Impowered him in the towns behalf To prosecute Samuel Stevens jun<sup>r</sup> in the law to Effect, for his neglecting to open and clear the Cutt. and keeping it, and the bridge over it in good repair according to the Order of the General Court in the year 1705.

2. Said meeting Voted to Eld. James Sayword so £. out of the town treasury if need so require to have his Charges in prosecuted

in prosecuting Samuel Stevens ju<sup>r</sup> for not clearing the Cult.

John Parsons, Eliezer parson, and John Sargeant all Dissenters Entered their Dissent against foregoing votes. for this Reason viz. Because it spends the towns money, and has no prospect of being any town benefit; nor gaining the Supposed End for which d<sup>e</sup> Agent is chosen. (finis)

At a town Meeting held in Gloucester March 1. 1726/7 for the Choosing of Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Town meeting for 1727.

Eliaz Davis was Chosen Moderator for d<sup>e</sup> meeting. Joshua Ellwell, Ebenezer Collins, and Thomas Riggs ju<sup>r</sup> were chosen to tell the votes in d<sup>e</sup> meeting.

Town Clerk

Said meeting chose Deac. Ebenezer Davis Town Clerk for the year ensuing viz. 1727.

Select men

d<sup>e</sup> meeting chose, En<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Allen, m<sup>r</sup>. Nathaniel Ellery, l<sup>t</sup>. Samuel Herrick, m<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Stevens and James Lane Select men for this town for this year 1727.

Constables

d<sup>e</sup> meeting chose, Sethur Wheelers, Josiah Ingerson, and Ebenezer Lusk ju<sup>r</sup>. Constables for this town for this year 1727.

Town Treasurer

d<sup>e</sup> meeting chose l<sup>t</sup>. James Davis Town Treasurer for this year 1727.

d<sup>e</sup> meeting chose James Sawyer ju<sup>r</sup> Son alban Pool, Stephen Row, Benjamin Kinacum, John Ring, Benjamin Haskell ju<sup>r</sup>. Surveyors

Surveyors

Josiah Lane, and John Day ju<sup>r</sup> Surveyors for high ways for this town for this year 1727.

Tything men

d<sup>e</sup> meeting chose John Brown, Peter Doliver, Caleb Norwood, and Jacob Haskell Tything men for this year 1727.

Viewers of offences

d<sup>e</sup> meeting chose Thomas Witham, Anthony Bennett and Daniel Ring for fence Viewers for this year 1727.

Sealers of Leather

d<sup>e</sup> meeting chose l<sup>t</sup>. James Davis and Joseph Day seal for Sealers of Leather for this year 1727.

d<sup>e</sup> meeting Voted that no one in this town may go at large this year 1727. and chose Joseph Thirston, James Harry, John Allen, and William Hadlock hogg-reeves for this town for this year ensuing viz. 1727.

hogg-reeves

d<sup>e</sup> meeting Voted to the town Treasurer viz. l<sup>t</sup>. James Davis, 8 L<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> year for the 3. years last past, and for the year ensuing viz 1727. for his labour and trouble in Receiving in, and paying out the towns money for the towns use.

8 L<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> year

Where as the committee that laid out the herbage land Reserved an open way through or by John Harradens herbage lot near hogg kin cave; at the request of John Harraden and Joseph Lane, with the consent of 8. or 9. of the Neighbourhood meeting Voted, That the said way may, or there is Liberty granted to Shut up d<sup>e</sup> way at Each End with good gates or Bars convenient for the Neighbourhoods to pass through as there may be occasion during the towns pleasure.

Way Shut up

d<sup>e</sup> meeting Voted that the high way laid out from the way that leads from the head of the harbor to y<sup>e</sup> Eastern point down to the landing place by Capt. Robinsons wharf, be Entered on Record & allowed.

Voted to be Entered on Record

(finis)

At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester March 1. 1727 Eliaz Davis mod<sup>r</sup>.

Reverend

John James Sargeant was Chosen Moderator for d<sup>e</sup> meeting.

Reverend

At the great and General Court or assembly of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> the p<sup>r</sup>ince of the Massachusetts for the year 1727.

Said meeting voted to Give Elders parson something for keeping the Town Books.

d<sup>e</sup> meeting voted to Give the Town Clerk 2<sup>d</sup> L<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> year for his labour and trouble in keeping the Town Books.

(finis)

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester Aug<sup>r</sup>. 1727. m<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Stevens was chosen moderator

Voted that a Town Rate or Tax amounting to two hundred pounds to be levied on all the Inhabitants and Residents in this Town that are Rateable according to law

Rate

and the select men are to proportion it as equally as they can. and seasonably to give w<sup>r</sup>o<sup>r</sup>o<sup>r</sup> to the Constables to collect and pay the same into the Town

treasury on or before the last Day of September next ensuing and is for

Defraying



Depraying the Town charges - viz to pay  
the Seolemster, for the Relief of the  
poor - for paying our proportion to the  
County Rate - for paying the pessed  
men and their necessary expene and  
other Contingant Charges arising with  
in the Town ---

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voted a confirmation of a high way  
leading from nathaniel whorls Northwest  
Corrner into the wood, lats bounded thus  
begining at the northwest corner of the  
wharf, fencs. thence as the way now leadeth  
till you come to Thomas Canneber.  
thence along as the way now leadeth till  
you come to williams hiltons fence or land  
thence to a hemlock tree standing between his  
dwelling house and Barre. thence along  
by Ds Hiltons fence till you come to a  
small hemlock tree marked thence to a clo  
ven Rock neare the Southwest corner  
of Joshua Elwells land or house thence  
by Ds Elwells fence till you come to a  
small hemlock on a rock a bind of  
Ebenezer Davises land thence to a small  
hemlock marked. thence about 10 poles  
to a small hemlock marked a former bound  
of Ds Davises land thence about 16 poles  
to a small Beach marked. thence about  
20 poles to a small hemlock marked -  
thence on to a large hemlock tree marked  
being the South East corner bound of  
Ds Davises land still on till you come  
to the woodlots. and the above Ds way  
is to be four poles in width and to be  
left on the South side of the above Ds bound  
where the fence will allow of it - and wher  
the way is made use of

Samuell Steeven } Select men  
Samuell Herick }  
Joseph Allen }  
Nathanil Elbery }

3

voted that the Select men Take care  
of John Kents family the ensuing year  
(finis)

at a Town meeting held in Gloucester. Novem  
Repre. 7. 1727 Mr Samuell Steeven Moderator  
Chosen Elder Saywood way Chosen to Represent  
said Town at a great and General Court  
or assembly to be held at Boston on wed  
nesday the 22. 1727  
(finis)

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester Dec. 22.  
to consider of some way to clear the Cut  
Relating to the Cut  
Mr Thomas Withcon was chosen Moderator  
for the meeting. Then the meeting was adjourned  
untill february 8. Insuing: and then meet  
1. voted that John millit James parsons  
John Sargeant should tell the votes for  
the meeting  
2. voted whether or no they would have the  
Cut cleared at the Towns charge and  
passed in the Negative  
3. after much debate voted the meeting shd  
be dismissed - (finis)

Feb. 8. 1727/8. To hear the petition of our Neighbour at Squam Relating to their being sett off in a precinct by them selves in order to their settling and maintaining a Gospel minister amongst them Mr. Jemuel Stevens was chosen Moderator of the meeting their petitions were Read and after much Debate it was concluded their petition should be under consideration till another opportunity and then a meeting was desired

Debate 115

At a Town meeting in Gloucester Dec. 22. 1727 To chuse Jurymen Insign Thomas Allin was Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury and Mr. Philemon Worne, Senior and Thomas Rigg, Junr to serve on the Jury of Tryal

Jurymen Chosen

At a meeting of the first parish in Gloucester on the 24 Day of January 24. 1727/8 To hear the Request of our Neighbour and friends which live at Annesquam and the northerly part of the Cape in order to their being sett off a precinct by them selves in order to their settling and maintaining a Gospel minister amongst them Capt Joseph Allin was Chosen Moderator

congreg sett off precinct

James Davis Junr. Ezekiel Dyer Joseph Lane were Chosen to tell votes

voted that the Inhabitens of Annesquam and those that live on the Northerly part of the Cape so farre southerly as the Southly side of Pigeon hill pasture: and from there westerly on a line to the bridge that is over the brook that is on the Southwesterly side of John Tucker Runer. have and there by to brook as it leadeth into the Cove: and thence by to Cove to the river thence with their Estates or sett off a precinct by them selves in order to their settling & maintaining a Gospel minister amongst them: and when they have settled a Gospel minister amongst them and so long as they continue to maintain a minister amongst them they are excluded from paying their proportion to the minister as is former

Linke John D. Enter. sent against

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester town Nov. 24. 1727/8. Relating to Chusing and opening the cutt Capt Isaac Eveleth was Chosen Moderator for the meeting John Parsons James Parsons & Ezekiel Allin were Chosen to tell votes for the meeting much Debate about opening the cutt But Nothing Concluded on

The C Debated

voted that whereas John Lane Junr late of Gloucester deceased was the better the Town and Mr. Peter Coffin for and so Lane had of them the Town doe acquit Lane heirs from paying the Towns proportion of so Debt

John Lane Junr acquit

At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester February 8th. 1727/8. To consider of some way to open the Cutt or any other Engines Mr. Anthony Withern was Chosen Moderator

Lib. Given Clea Cut

John Parsons John Rigg James Davis Junr were Chosen to tell votes for the meeting Voted that the Town so farre as they are (consumed) doe give liberty to any parson or persons that shall tender take the same to open and clear the cutt of formerly provided they make or build a good sufficient Bridge over the same suitable for Cart and horse and they to clear the cutt within the space of one year on the date hereof and build or make a bridge before they have proceeded to give out a licence to any person from passing or carrying and all travellers have free liberty to pass and repass over the bridge when it is built and with the Inhabitans of the Town are to have the liberty to pass and repass the Towns Cut and build a bridge formerly



114) Do <sup>the</sup> Town charger viz to pay  
voted that the  
Mr. Summell Steven for the Relief of the  
Do pay the Intrust money <sup>or it may be</sup>  
for the year 1929. But the Town Treasurer  
who is hereby Impowered to let out the same  
for one year for the Town viz he taking good  
Security for the same

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At a Town meeting held in Gloucester  
March: 1728/8 To Chuse Town  
officers for the year Insuing  
Eldar Sayword was Chosen Moderator  
for the meeting

John parsons John Day Juner & Zurben  
Get Allin ware Chosen to tell Vouts

1. Said meeting Chose Ebenezer Davis  
Town Clerk for the Insuing

To meeting Chose Mr John Gilbord  
Constable for the prectinct

James Sayer Juner Constable for the  
1928 2 Harbour Squardern

and John Riggs Juner for the Town  
and Thomas Riggs was accepted by  
the Town to serve in his home

To meeting Chose Mr Samuel Herick  
select men  
Chosen 3 Mr Samuel Sargent Eldar Sayword  
Capt Robinson & Mr Thomas Witham  
select men for the year Insuing

To meeting Chose Lieut James Davis Town  
Treasurer 4 & Sargent for the year Insuing

To meeting Chose Josiah bascat Joseph  
Surveyor 5 bascat Sam<sup>r</sup> Griffin Elias Davis Benjamin  
2 way 1 & Tarr Nathaniel Sayer John parsons  
and Josin Clollins Surveyors of High  
way for the year Insuing

To meeting Chose Ebenezer parsons John  
fene river 6 Sargent and John Robord fene  
river for the year Insuing

To Meeting Chose Mr Stephen Row Thomas  
Dything men 7 Bray Juner Nymphas Stacy & James  
Carne Dything men for the insuing year

To meeting Chose Joseph whitton and  
select 8 Samuel parsons Sealers of leather for the  
year insuing

To meeting voted Swine should go at  
9 long the Insuing year

To meeting Chose John Day Juner Lelep  
10 Norwood Symonds Low and Mr John  
Newman hoggreve for the year Insuing

To meeting voted that the first parish  
rate for the future should be made by  
rate to be 11 it self and managed by it self Distin  
(made by) from the Town rate at the prope  
Charge of the parish

To meeting voted that Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup>  
12 should have liberty to shut up the way  
that goeth through his land from the cut  
toward the meeting house from the last  
of march to the last of october yearly  
during the Towns pleasure he allowing  
people to pass on foot and he to make  
convenient Stiles for people to pass o  
ver his fence

Mr Nathaniel Sarge and Ebenezer parson  
and John millit Entered their Decen  
against to vote

that the select men should draw eighty pound out of the Town Treasury, and to deliver to the select man that belongs to the first precinct their proportion of money answerable to their Rate Bill the year last past and the other part or remainder thereof 117  
 voted to be given to the Reverend m<sup>r</sup> White  
 Andrew Riggs Entered his Decent against the above written vote  
 fini

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester April 12: 1778 To Chuse Trustees to take our proportion of the Sundry thousand pound loan out of the province Treasury  
 Capt Joseph Allen was Chosen Moderator

Said Meeting Chose Capt Joseph Allen Lieutenant James Davis & Ebenezer Davis Trustees for this Town to Receive out of the province Treasury the seven hundred forty & three pound, which is our Towns proportion of the Sundry thousand pound in Bills of Credit according to a late Act of the General Court or assembly  
 To Meeting voted that the Trustees shall and are hereby fully empowered to let out the said seven hundred and forty three pound at 6 percent to any of the Inhabitants of this Town who shall appear to give the same provided they take good and sufficient person security in the Towns behalf for so much of they shall let out provided also that no person shall have more then 30 Nor less then 10 pound for the first 10 days after notice of 10 money being Ready to be lett and offered to be lent  
 To be let out the remainder if any be according to their best discretion taking good personal security for the same

Trustees  
 Chose  
 for the  
 60000

Trustees  
 Instructions

At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester May 7: 1778  
 Elder Saywood was Chosen Moderator for so meeting

Elder James Parsons was Chosen Clerk for so meeting

Elder James Saywood was Chosen by the major part of the votes present to serve as a Representative for this Town at the Great and General or Assembly this present year

A Description of a highway leading from the head of the harbor to Mr Samuell Stevens farm on Otter point so called was Read and then to meeting voted a Confirmation of said way

Highway  
 is to be  
 point Re  
 Confirm

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester May 14: 1778  
 To Chuse Jurors to serve at the Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Northwich the second Tuesday of this present May

Exp<sup>t</sup> Sargeant Esq was Chosen Moderator for so meeting

Elder James Parsons was Chosen Clerk for so meeting

Mr Samuell Sargeant & Mr Thomas Riggs was Chosen to serve on the Grand jury at the Court

At James Davis, Mr Samuell Stevens Juror and John Hargrave was Chosen to serve on the jury of Tryals at the Court

jurors Ch



to chuse two Jurors  
of Tryals at the  
chosen in at Salem on the last Sunday of this  
Instant June. Eldar Parsons was chosen  
Moderator for the meeting  
Mr. Caleb Hornwood and Mr. Samuell  
Grispin were chosen to serve on the  
Court one Juror on Tryals

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester July 16. 1728  
To grant money to pay the Town Charges for this  
present year and other Business Relating  
to the 5000 pounds Lane  
Eldar Sayward was chosen Moderator for the meet-  
ing  
Voted that the Select Men and Town Treasurer  
do settle and Audite their Accounts in order  
to lay before the Town on Thursday next  
being the 23rd of the Clock in the afternoon  
which time the meeting was adjourned

At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester upon ad-  
Journment from July 16. 1728 to August the first  
Capt Mathew Coit was chosen Moderator for  
the meeting  
Voted that the Select men are fully empowered  
to Demand and Receive of the Trustees of the 5000  
pounds Lane the one fifth part of the money and in  
case the Trustees have not so much of the money  
by them then the Select men are empowered to  
borrow so much money as to make it up and  
forthwith carry it into the Province Treasurer

2 Voted that a Town Rate amounting to one hun-  
dred and sixty pounds be made and levied on all the  
inhabitant and Residents of this Town that are able  
according to law and the Select men are to por-  
tion the same in equal manner as the law Directs  
and seasonably to give warrants to the several Con-  
tributors to collect and gather in the same and to pay  
the same into the Town Treasurer in convenient time  
which money is to pay the Town Charges for this  
present year viz. to pay the school master Reliefe  
of the poor for paying out proportion to the County  
Rate to pay the Select men and their necessary  
Expense and other Contingent Charges arising this  
present year

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester Decr 26. 1728  
To chuse Juror men to serve at the Inferiour  
Court or Common Pleas to be holden at Salem on  
the last week of this Instant and a Grand Juror  
man to serve for this Town for the year ensuing  
Capt Coit was chosen Moderator for the meeting  
Mr. Samuell Pierce was chosen to serve on the  
Grand Juror for this Town for the year ensuing  
David Stanwood and John Matchet were  
chosen to serve on the Juror of Tryals at  
the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at  
Salem the last week of this Instant December

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester Decr 26. 1728  
Granted by the  
Relating to the 5000 pounds Lane and the first  
Town to the Reverend Mr. White and the first  
Precinct

1 Capt Robin Son was chosen Moderator for the meeting  
Voted that the eighty pound Granted to the  
Reverend Mr. White and the west precinct  
be reconsidered under this Consideration that  
the first Parrish in the Gloucester Doe pay unto  
the Reverend Mr. White sixty four pounds to  
his Content and Satisfaction but otherwise  
to remaine Good

2 Voted a Continuation of a high way laid  
out from Allynshes Stacey to the way that  
leads from Town to Sandy Bay

3 Symonds two had liberty Granted him to flint  
up the way with gates to the north side of  
Allynshes Stacey from the first of March  
next until the sixteenth Day of May next  
to follow: and after that to be open for Ever

all men  
pay a pent  
the 5000 pounds  
forthwith

in rate  
anted  
proce

men  
degre

voted to  
the precinct  
condition

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- Call the names of men have served in this town as surveyors of high ways to an account of what money they have received for fines of those that have bin delinquent
- 2 Capt Andrew Robinson Capt Isaac Ewelith & Lieut William Hascall were chosen a Committee for the above service
- 3 voted that the above said Committee should make Return of their Doings therein to the Town at the Next General Town meeting
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- At a general Town meeting held in Gloucester March 4<sup>th</sup> 1728/9 Capt Joseph Allin was
- 1 Chosen moderator for said meeting
- 2 Gaber Baker John Sergeant & William Hascall the 3<sup>d</sup> were Chosen to tell the votes for said meeting
- 3 John Day Juner was Chosen Constable for the westerly Precinct
- 4 James Davis Juner was Chosen Constable for the Northern part of the Town
- 5 James Gardner was Chosen Constable for the southerly part of the Town
- 6 Capt Joseph Allin Dacen John Hasteden & Ebenezer Dewis war Chosen select men for the year 1729
- 7 Ebenezer Dewis was Chosen Town Clerk for the year 1729
- 8 Lieut James Davis was Chosen Town Drectr for the year 1729
- 9 Sargent Abreliam Sayer Benjamin Kin namon James Lane Capt Andrew Robinson & Symonds Low were Chosen surveyors of highways for the year 1729
- 10 Joseph Herick Benjamin Dewis Philimon womer Juner & Jeremiah Parson were Chosen tything men for the year 1729
- 11 Insign Thomas Allin Josiah Lane & John Roberts were Chosen fence viewers for the year 1729
- 12 Samwell Parson & Joseph Whitston were Chosen Sealers of Leather for the year 1729
- 13 Aaron Bray Francis Sargent Nathaniel Sayer John Poole Benjamin Harbox and Joseph Gibard were Chosen Rodg Keaps for the year 1729
- 14 James Parson Juner Daniel Smith & Joseph Hascall Juner were Chosen hewers on field Drives for the year 1729
- 15 voted that the Town Treasurer Doe forth with Call in the lone money that belong to the Town in order to a Division of the same to each parish their proportion or as the Town shall think fit
- 16 voted that the select men are fully empowered and are Desired forth with to makeup and settle accounts with the Town Treasurer
- 17 voted that Ebenezer Lufkin hath liberty Granted him to hang a gate on crose the high way that leadeth between his own land and the land that was formerly Dacen Joseph licensly on the westerly sid of D Lufkins land During the Towns pleasure
- 18 voted that the Town Doe give unto John Day Juner three pound two shillings to be paid unto D Day out of the Towns treasure it being for what he had formerly bin charged for the Relief of John Kents family
- 19 Impowered to make what by laws they think fit be needfull for this Town for the year 1729
- Constable for the year 1729
- select men Chosen
- Town Clerk Chosen
- Town Drectr
- surveyors of high ways Chosen
- tything men Chosen
- fence viewers Chosen
- Sealers of Leather Chosen
- Rodg Keaps Chosen
- hewers on field Drives Chosen
- the Town Treasurer to call the lone money
- select men to make accounts with the Treasurer
- liberty to give
- 3-2-6 ordered repaid John D
- select men empowered to make by laws



should goe on  
the year 1729

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A Description of a high way lead out by  
the selectmen of Gloucester November 14 1728  
the Southwest end of D way adjoining to  
the land belonging to the heirs of William  
Sargent descent and so running North Easterly  
to the way that lead from the town to the  
horbow and so along by Nympha Stacys  
fence and Burn to the rocky hill there along  
by Georges wollises house then turning North  
easterly till it comes to the way that lead up  
to the fresh marsh at the D land of the S  
Sargants three Rods wide so to a heap of  
stones a bound of Symonds Low land 3 1/2 rods  
wide so by a Great Splitten Rock and a heap  
of stones a bound of Nathaniel Sargers land  
3 1/2 Rods wide between D Sargers & John  
matchet land and so along to the main  
way near Stacys Dore and at the adjoining  
to D way it is 4 Rods wide and then along  
by D Stacys corner and by his barn fence  
on the right hand and Sarah Low land  
on the left 2 Rods wide untill it come to  
wallises fence on the right hand and then as  
the fence stands on each side about 2 Rods  
wide till it come to wallises fence & so  
a long between wallises land and Thomas  
allins land 2 Rods wide untill it come  
within about six Rods of the way that  
lead to sandy beach and then spreads to four  
Rods wide at the adjoining ther to

Confirmed by Andrew Robinson  
Samuell Sargent Select  
26. 1728 Thomas Withings Men

At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester May  
12. 1729 To Chuse Jurymen to serve at the  
Superior Court to be holden at Ipswich on  
the third Tuesday of this Instant  
Ephes Sargent Esq. was Chosen Moderator  
for D meeting

Capt Isaac Dole and Symonds Low were Chosen  
to serve on the Grand Jury at D Court  
Capt Allen Mr Thomas Withings Nathaniel  
Bray Good were Chosen to serve on the Jury  
of Tryals at D Court

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester on the  
1 day of May to Chuse a Constable & a Rodys rake  
Capt Coit was Chosen Moderator for D meeting  
Benjamin Davis was Chosen Constable to serve  
for the Northern part of the Town this present year  
voted that they would not Chuse a Rodys rake  
they Judging they had enough before

At a Legial Town meeting held in Gloucester  
on May the 12. 1729 To Chuse a takeable par  
son to Represent this Town at the Great and  
General Court or Assembly this present year  
Ephes Sargent was Chosen Moderator for D  
meeting

Mr Samuell Sargent was Chosen to Surveise  
and Represent this Town at the General Court  
or assembly this present year

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester  
May 26. 1729 Capt Joseph Allen was  
Chosen Moderator for D meeting

Said meeting chose David Ironwood Sen  
to Surveise Constable for the Northern part  
of the Town this present year  
To meeting left it with the selectmen  
on Chuse an maker up with Ephes Sargent  
Serving as Representative at the General Court

cription  
a high  
out  
28  
Road from a town to Ipswich

Chosen

Representative  
Chosen

6<sup>th</sup> 17. 17 18 19.

6<sup>th</sup> 17. 1758.  
For as much as it hath pleased God  
to multiply us the Inhabitants & the rapidly  
increasing Line, in said Gloucester so that our meeting  
is become too accomodate to Inhabitants for the comfort  
ing on the publick worship of God: Wherefore the Select-  
men have thought fit to post up a notification, or the meeting-house doors  
being open, that all the Inhabitants, who are qualified according to Law for  
said affairs, shall meet together on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July next to con-  
sider how to make said house more accomodable.  
And also Chose Capt. ~  
for said meeting, and also Chose  
and then proceed.

That the meeting-house be enlarged as much as may be, so that it may be capable of enlarging within the walls as they now stand, being of more galleries, and seats, as it may be thought convenient for said inhabitants for their comfortable conveniency for the publick worship of God.

...to afford the publick worship, in Ebenezer church,  
...voted, That Elder James Sayward, to consult, and agree  
...apt: John Harraden, &c a Committee, to consult, and agree  
...work men, or work men, to build galleries, and make  
...in the meeting house, according to the above vote as soon  
...by or conveniently being in the behalf of the Inhabitants  
...of the precinct line.

On the Easterly side of the pre-mitted line  
meeting Voted That the Select-men be Impowred (upon ap-  
plication made to them by the above said Committee) forthwith to Raise  
the money on the Inhabitants on the Easterly side of the pre-  
mised as may be necessary for the defraying of the said charge,  
the sum to be collectable with a warrant to collect the  
same to be paid in to the Select men for the defraying of so  
and if there any over plus to be for the use of the above  
inhabitants.

That the committee employed in said services lay an account of charges of the above said work & services before the above inhabitants, as soon as it may be conveniently done.

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(fnms)  
notification was set up by 4 select men of Gloucester, order  
of inhabitation to D. Glo. that belong on 4 Easterly Side of 4  
2nd line given for voting in town affairs, to meet to  
to consider of a new proposal made by our Rev. Pastor  
Wm. Relating to his Salary, & saw In habitants accordingly  
on occasion, June 24. 1726. and chose Mr Drakel Collins  
moderator for D. meeting.

our Mr. Whites can his so Capt before so meeting.  
meeting having now and considered so Capt,  
ed, that had now one hundred pounds in payable bills of Credit,  
whose salary for this year 1720, and to be paid by the Society  
according to law or the Inhabitants and Residents on the

according to law on the Inhabitants and Rooms in the  
vicinity of the precinct Line:  
So, meeting void, that our said Mr. White shall have a free  
distribution court in this year for his encouragement in the  
of the ministry, viz. on y<sup>e</sup> first Sabbath in July: the first  
y<sup>e</sup> first in Dec. br. and the first in march next Ensl<sup>d</sup>  
of date hereof, and y<sup>e</sup> reason, or him that receives it to keep  
Exact account of each Contribution, and to render a true  
want, to the So Inhabitants when it is Regularly demanded.

(finis)

(Finis)  
At a Genl. meeting h<sup>d</sup> in Gloucester Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1723.  
Pastor Joseph Allen, val Chapm<sup>n</sup> moderat<sup>r</sup>  
meeting. Unanimously voted That our Rev. P<sup>ast</sup>r of W<sup>est</sup>  
B<sup>ury</sup> for this year 1723. Shall be a hundred Pounds in good B<sup>ill</sup>  
of Exchange for the year 1723.

in Salary for this year 1723, shall be a number of  
Credit, in the Select of this town are Ordered and fully  
empowered, to give & Carry So £ 100. in due proportion accor-  
ding to Law on all the Inhabitants & Residents, Rateable in  
this town, according to the Easterly sine of the Precinct Line, a  
give Warrant to the Constables, or, Constables, to collect and p-  
ay the same into the town Treasurer on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of October next ensuing the date hereof, for the use of So m<sup>th</sup>  
(Enis)

(Finis)

Rev. pas. Mr John White, resigning to sell his home &  
some other lands, gave his parishioners the offer of tra-  
ding a parish meeting held in Gloucester December 27. 1777  
a question was put to a meeting whether they would trans-  
act with said pastor any further about buying his home & land.  
The vote passed in the negative.

The vote passed in the negative.  
 eating voted that the select men of this town take  
 a decent house for burying dead, for this  
 side of a road, in the town of ...  
 with



John Gibbons scolded by  
the Line Between y<sup>e</sup> Town of  
Glocester & performed  
on y<sup>e</sup> 12 Day of Aprill  
together with y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> disputed persons

John For  
Ezekiel God  
Benjamin d

At a meeting of the first Parrish in the  
Town of Glocester held May 27 1728  
Being warned by the select men to as  
semble and meet together on T<sup>e</sup> Day  
to hear the petition of several of  
the India bitane of consanguine in order  
to their being set of a distinct Precinct  
so far as the Town mill otherwise  
called Kings mill  
and after much Debate Relating  
to the affier it was voted they would  
choose a moderator and then proceed  
ed to chioe and Mr James Stevens  
was chosen moderator and after  
much Debate about the qualification  
of the parsons voting to meeting  
Dissolved and Nothing further was  
acted

Boston Dec<sup>r</sup> 2. 1744  
Rec<sup>d</sup> of Mr Joseph Christie Constable of  
thirty pounds fifteen Shillings & four pen  
half penny last Emission in full for m<sup>o</sup> T<sup>r</sup>  
p<sup>r</sup> Eben Swan

£30.15.4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester-  
August: 12 1729 Capt Joseph Allen was  
chose Moderator for said meeting  
voted that the Town doe Grant a Town  
Rate to be made of the sum of one  
hundred and forty pound it being  
to pay the Schoole master and the County  
Rate and for the Reliefe of the poore  
and other Contingent Charges arising  
within this Town this present year -

down Rate  
Granted  
140-0-0

2 voted that Eper Sargent Esquire should  
be a Trustee in the Town of St John Davis  
Deceased to Joyn with Mr Samuel Stevens &  
Insigne William Hascall Trustees to call  
in and pay our Towns proportion of the  
fifty thousand pound loan -

a Trustee  
Chosen

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester  
Decemb: 26 1729 To the following men  
Mr James Davis was chose Moderator -

2 Mr Ezekiel Woodward was chosen to serve  
on the Grand Jury -

3 Mr Peteriah Day & Mr Joseph Witham  
were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryals

Chosen

At a General Town meeting held in Gloucester  
march 30: 1729/30: Mr Thomas Witham  
was chosen Moderator for said meeting  
Mr Sabel Baker Mr John Parsons, John Joseph  
Hascall Junr. were chosen to tell the votes  
Ebenezer Davis was chosen Town Clerk -

Town Clerk  
Chosen

Daniel Smith was chosen Constable of the  
Harbour ward and paid five pounds & Paul  
Dolever was chosen to said Office -

Constables  
Chosen

Benjamin Davis was chosen Constable of  
the Northern ward and paid five pounds and  
Docter David Plumer was chosen to serve  
in said office -

precinct and John Day Junr was Excepted  
to serve in his Roome -

Mr Thomas Witham Mr Ebenezer Parsons Mr  
John Roberts Mr James Lane & Ebenezer Davis  
were chosen select men -

select men  
Chosen

Mr Timothy Day Junr Mr John Millit John  
Sargeant William Parsons Henry Witham  
Lieut James Davis Insigne Thomas Allen and  
Mr Isaac B. Randol were chosen Surveyors  
of High way -

Surveyors  
of Highway  
Chosen

Lieut James Davis was chosen Town Treasurer -

Treasurer  
Chosen

Mr Josias Lane Benjamin Cypreum Symonds  
Low and Aaron Bury were chosen Tything men

Tything men  
Chosen

Capt Capt Mr Edmond Grover and Eleazer par  
sons were chosen viewers of fences -

viewers of  
fences  
Chosen

Samuel Parsons Joseph Whitston & Daniel  
Hascall were chosen Sealer of leather -

Sealers of  
leather  
Chosen

Anthony Benet James Saye Junr and  
William Hascall & 4 were chosen field officers

field officers  
Chosen

Ebenezer Day Isaac Prince and Edward  
Heredin Junr were chosen Hog Rake,

Hog rake  
Chosen



Hog to go  
at large

Said Meeting voted Hog, should go at large  
this year insuing -

st for the  
Agents in  
England

Said meeting voted that fifty pounds be  
paid out of the Town Treasury to our Repre-  
sentatives and is to enable the Agents in  
England to carry on the affairs of the Pro-  
vince there -

at Tything man  
& a hografe  
Chosen

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester March 24 1729  
Elder Saywood was chosen Moderator for said meeting  
Eben parson was chosen clerk for said meeting  
Mr. Francis Hornwood was chosen Tything man  
Mr. John pine was chosen hografe & refused  
John Collins was chosen hografe for the insuing  
year -

Spurich line  
perambulate

March 31 1730 we whose Names are here-  
unto subscribed accordingly met and perambu-  
lated the line from the heap of Rocks between Town  
and between Spurich and Gloucester to till it come to a  
heap of Rocks near the marsh between in between  
for the form and William Hasall of Gloucester  
John Robord Joseph Kimman  
William Hasall Junr. Thomas Brown  
William Hasall of 3<sup>d</sup> Tho Burnum

At a Town meeting held at Gloucester May 24  
1730 to chuse Jurymen to serve at the Superi-  
or Court at Spurich to be held the 11 & 3<sup>d</sup> June  
present Major Sargent was chosen Moder-  
ator & meeting

Elder Darnum was chosen Clerk for said meeting

two Jurymen

Chosen William Hasall & Eben James Lane  
were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury

petty Jurymen

Mr. James Pike & Eekie Day & Timothy Day  
were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryals

At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester May 17  
to chuse a Representative Elder Saywood was  
Chosen Moderator for said meeting

Representative  
Chosen

Mr. Samuel Stevens was chosen to Represent  
this Town at the great & general Court or  
Assembly this present year

women  
Chosen

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester July 6 1730  
to chuse Jurymen to serve at the inferior Court as  
beholden at Salem the second Tuesday of this Instant  
Capt Isaac Euelith was chosen Moderator for said meeting  
Mr. Philemon Worner and Capt John pine were  
Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryals at the Inferiour  
Court be holden at Salem the second Tuesday of this  
Instant

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester the Day above said  
to Grant a Town Rate and other Business  
Capt Isaac Euelith was Chosen Moderator for said meeting

A Committee  
Chosen

vote that Mr. Thomas Witham Mr. Ebenezer parson  
be a Committee to make up and settle accounts with the  
Town Treasurer

for the  
previous  
years

2 voted that the Town Treasurer should have twenty  
pounds allowed him for serving the Town as Treasurer  
three year from the time he was last paid -

Town rate  
Granted

3 voted that there should be a Town Rate made of  
fifty pounds to Defray the Charges arising within the  
Town this present year

Highway  
Confirmed

4 voted a Confirmation of several Highway laid out  
by the select men viz a way from Mr. Thomas  
Withams house to the way that leads from the mee-  
ing house to Sandy Bay, also a way from Little  
harbour River to Starknought Harbour way, also  
the alteration of the way between Mr. Dejeys  
parsonage and Littlegood harbour marsh

123 The Bound of the Highway leading from Mr. Thomes  
withams to Sandy Bay way: beginning at a Stake by D  
way with stone a point in the bound of land of D  
withams and is 4 rods wide Easterly from D bound  
thence Southwesterly from D Stake over the Bottom  
to a Rock with stone laid on it and is 3 rods wide Est  
erly, bound Rock thence on to a Rock with stone on  
it 2 rods westerly from D withams stone wall thence  
a Rod westerly from D stone wall till you come  
to the Highway by D withams House -

123 Highway  
Confirmed  
July 6. 1790

Highway from Sandy Bay to  
Thomes withams at the Farms

The bound of the way from Littlegood has been  
to Starknought harbor way: beginning at D River  
thence North Easterly to a Rock with stone on it by the  
upland thence on to another Rock with stone on it  
by the marsh thence on to a grate rock with stone  
on it and so on to a Rock with stone on it by Stark  
Nought harbor way: said way is to be 2 rods  
wide Easterly from D bound -

The bounds of the alteration of Starknought  
harbor way are a Rock with stone on it about  
4 rods Northwesterly from Littlegood harbor with  
thence Northwesterly to a split Rock with stone  
on it thence on to a heap of stone on a Rock and so  
on to the former way D way is to be 4 rods wide  
Southwesterly from said bound -

At a Town Meeting in Gloucester Dec<sup>r</sup>. 21. 1790  
to Chuse Jurymen: Elder Saywood was Chose Moderator.

Capt Andrew Robinson was Chosen to serve  
on the Grand Jury the Ensuing year -

Jurymen  
Chosen

George Denison & Nehemiah Adams were  
Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryal at the  
Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Salem  
the last Tuesday of this Instant -

At a Town Meeting in Gloucester Dec<sup>r</sup>. 21. 1790  
to Chuse a Committee to make up and settle ac  
counts with the Trustees of the 50 thousand  
pound Loan and other Business Lib<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel  
Flory was Chose Moderator -

Lib<sup>t</sup> James Davis Lib<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Flory and  
Mr Samuell Sargent were Chosen a Committee  
to make up and settle accounts with the  
Trustees of the 50 thousand pound Loan

Committee  
Chosen

voted that a Bill from Thomas Penel Devoast: penel Bill  
to the Town Treasurer of Should be Canceled

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester January 26. 1791  
To Chuse a Representative Elder Saywood was  
Chosen Moderator of said meeting

Representative

Capt Andrew Robinson was Chosen to serve for  
and Represent our Town at a Great and General  
Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened heath  
I kept at the Court house in Boston on the tenth  
day of february Next Insuing -

Chosen

At a Leguel Town Meeting held in Gloucester  
March 2. 1790/1 To Chuse Town officers for  
the year following: and to Con firm some  
high way, laid out by the select men and  
what else might be convenient

Elias Davis was Chosen Moderator for  
said meeting -

William Hoscall Juner John Parsons and  
Guthrie Wood Bay were Chosen to tell  
votes for D meeting -

Samuell Row was Chosen Constable for  
the Southern ward. and paid five pound  
and Jonathan Poole was Chosen Con  
stable for D ward -

Turn out



- Paletiah Day was Chosen Constable -  
 Constable for the Northern ward: Joseph Hascall -  
 Chosen Juner was Chosen Constable for the precinct  
 and paid five pound: and William Hascall  
 the 3<sup>d</sup> was Chose Constable for the precinct  
 Select men Thomas William John Roberts Ebenezer Parsons  
 James Lane and Ebenezer Davis were Chosen  
 select men  
 Town Clerk: Ebenezer Davis was Chosen Town Clerk  
 Chosen  
 Town Treasurer  
 Elias Davis Capt John Prince Samuel Parsons  
 Surveyors of Highways Eldor Sayward Ebenezer Poole John Tucker  
 Caleb Woodbury Joseph Herick Samuel  
 Hodgskins Juner Nathaniel Millit and  
 Joseph Hascall were Chosen Surveyors  
 of Highways  
 Tything men Samuel Lane John Parsons Humphrey Wood  
 Berry and John Hadley were Chosen Tything men  
 John Sargent Josiah Ingerbell Jacob Hascall  
 and Ezekiel Day were Chosen fence viewers  
 Ebenezer Collins Samuel Parsons and Daniel  
 Hascall were Chosen Sealer of leather  
 Hog reeves Jacob Davis Peter Boliver and Samuel Goot  
 Juner were Chosen Hog Reeves  
 Hogs at large voted Hogs should go at large the year insu  
 ing year - - - - -  
 Trytees account The Trustees of the 5000 pound loan gave in  
 gave in their account and there was in their  
 hands fourteen pound 10 shillings and 7<sup>d</sup> -  
 voted that same should be paid in to the  
 Town Treasurer  
 Use money to be let out voted that the Town Treasurer should let  
 out the use money in hand, for one year  
 voted John Sargent's gates should stand  
 During the Town pleasure  
 Gates set up voted that the proprietor of the neck of  
 sand in the Harbour have liberty to sett  
 a gate to Enclose Neck neere where  
 James Sayer Deceast used to Build during  
 the Town pleasure  
 one shilling per day added to his wages  
 for serving as Representative in the year  
 1729  
 the Highways confirmed on the Northern  
 part of the Town Neck as it was laid out  
 by the Select men - Should be permitted to  
 voted in meeting  
 we were Day the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant at nine of the  
 Clock in the forenoon and then meet  
 one of the men to tell votes being absent  
 William Parsons was Chosen in his Rome  
 stable in the Rome of Jonathan Pool -  
 who Refused to take the oath paid five  
 pound  
 William Hascall the 3<sup>d</sup> Refusing to serve  
 as a constable paid five pound and Nathan  
 iel Bray cordaineer was Chosen to serve con  
 stable for the precinct  
 Granted to Penelope Hadlock the Relick &  
 widow and Heir of William Hadlock late of  
 Gloucester to Receive the land which the said  
 William Hadlock Hired of the Town untill  
 his children came to the Age of Twenty one  
 years During the Towns pleasure in 1729  
 voted to Sam Samuel Hadlock what was Du  
 to the Town for the land he hired of the Town  
 for the time past and the Improvement of  
 said land for 3 years to come in consideration  
 for what he had Don for his mother  
 the last a grant was voted the first Day  
 of the above D meeting but were omitted  
 to be Entered untill now

125/ A Description of a High way laid out by the select-  
men the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 1730/1 on the Northerly part of the Town  
neck thus Bounded. Beginning at the way leading from the  
meeting house to William Kings mill and from the Easterly  
Ends of the Herbegotts which Run over a pool, as they are  
Bounded till you come to the Southerly corner of John Riggs  
Land. thence on Northerly as the way now leadeth between  
Riggs his Land and Thomas Sargents Land on the west end  
William Kings Land on the East as then fence now standeth  
untill you come to S Sargents Herbeg Land in this lane it is  
about 3 poles wide: thence on Northerly by S Sargents Her-  
beg Land and Ebenezer Davies Herbeg Land as their Land is  
Bounded untill you come to David Stanwoods Land: and to  
Extend Easterly from S Herbeg Land to S Davies fence: thence  
on Northerly between S Stanwoods and Davies Land as  
their fence now standeth till you come to Land of Ebenezer  
thence on Northerly by S Ebenezer Stanwoods Land untill you  
come to Clay Cove: thence on by S Cove and the River on the  
East as then fence now standeth till you come to phillips  
and David Stanwoods Gate: and the a bore said way is to be  
fence from the Herbegotts which Run over a pool Easterly to the  
way leading from the meeting house to the mill, and also the Land  
of William King and John Riggs his Land and Borne  
their way also at the same time there was a High way laid out  
from the a bore said way to the mill thus Bounded Beginning at the  
Bridge between Thomas Sargents Land and William Kings Land thence  
Easterly as the way now leadeth to the Northerly corner of Land be-  
longing to the heirs of Thomas Millitt deceased: thence turning South  
Easterly between S Millitts Land and Ebenezer Davies Land at their  
fence now standeth to the mill River S Lane being a bout a rod  
wide: be it more or less: then turning Southwesterly from a post  
in S Millitts fence 28 fute from the Easterly corner of S Lane  
on a straight line 13 rods to another post in said millitts fence  
the way thence the mill which included a bout 12 rods of Land  
which was within said millitts fence laid out by  
Confirmed at a Town meeting in Thomas withom  
Glocester March 2: 1730/1 Ebenezer parson  
Ebenezer Davi  
Select Men

Boston August 24: 1730

Received of the Trustees of Gloucester for the £1000  
Loan one Hundred and Twenty pound two Shilling  
the last 1/2 of S Loan by Mr Samuell Stevens one  
of the Trustees of said Loan for Mr Jeremiah Allen  
Pr. Ebert Swan

At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester May 11: 1731  
to chuse a Representative & a constable & Jurymen: Represent  
Elday Laynard was chose moderator for said meeting and Chosen  
Capt Andrew Robinson was chose to serve for this

- 1 Town at the Great and General Court or assembly  
but he Refused and thay proceeded to a new choice  
and Mr Samuell Stevens was chose to serve in office  
Mr James parson's June was chosen Constable in Rom: Constable  
of Samuell Stevens June who Refused to serve and paid: chosen
- 2 five pound  
Mr Samuell Sargent and Anthony Benet were Chosen  
to serve on the Grand Jury: and Mr James Davi Jurymen  
John Bray and Samuell parson were Chosen to chosen
- 3 serve on the Jury of Tryals at the Superior Court  
to be holden at Ipswich the third Tuden of this  
Juitant

- 1 At a Town meeting held in Gloucester June 29: 1731 Capt Isaac  
Evelitt was chosen moderator for said meeting
- 2 Benjamin Tarr was chosen to serve as Constable Constable  
for the Southerly ward in said Town Chosen
- 3 ordered that the select men shall order the Town  
treasurers to call in 140 pounds of the Town money 140-0-0  
that out at use in order for to pay the Scola Ma: ordered in  
for the Town  
for our County rate and other Contingent charges  
Arising within this Town this present year
- 4 Thomas Riggs was chosen to serve on the Grand Jury Jurymen  
Elder Laywood Ezekiel Collins & John Procter were  
Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryals at the Superior Court  
Court to be holden at Salem y<sup>r</sup> Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of June Next Chosen



At a Town meeting held in Gloucester December 21, 1732

To chuse Jurymen to go to Salem Court the last Tuesday  
 of this Instant Capt Coit was chosen Moderator  
 Jurors chosen - Deacon John Herasie & m Daniel King were chosen to -  
 serve on the Grand Jury  
 Moser Riggs Michel Weber and William Tucker  
 were chosen to serve on the Jury of tryals -

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- 1 Cut a General Town Meeting head in Gloucester March  
 7. 1731/2 to chuse Town officers for the ensuing year  
 and to confirm severel High ways and sundrey other actions  
 2 Mr Samuell Stevens was chosen moderator for said meeting  
 Mr Josiah Parsons William Parson & Stephen : to tell votes  
 3 Some war chosen to tell votes  
 4 Ezekiel woodward Juner Elias Davis & James : Constables  
 Godfrey were chosen Constables - - - - - Chosen  
 5 Ebenezer Davis was chosen Town Clerk - - - - - Town Clerk  
 Mr Daniel witham Ebenezer Parsons John : Electmen  
 6 Robert Dacen James Lane & Ebenezer Davis : Chosen  
 were chosen Select men - - - - -  
 Elder James Sayward Benjamin Tar Philemon : Surveyors  
 7 worner Juner Thomas Riggs Juner Johnstons : of High  
 ford James Sayer Ebenezer Davis John : ways  
 Millit Thomas Bray Juner Daniel Hascall  
 were chosen Surveyors of High ways - - - - -  
 8 Lio Nathaniel Elerey was chosen Town Tree : Tree keeper  
 Ebenezer Collins Stephen Jones Timothij :  
 9 Day Juner & Benjamin Davis were Tything  
 Chosen Tything men - - - - - men  
 10 Insign Allen Symonds Loni and Mr Thomas : Embewers  
 witham were chosen Embewers of fences  
 11 Henry Hascall Benjamin Cuninghame and : field Drivers  
 Joseph Thurstin were chosen field Drivers  
 12 Jacob Randol Benjamin Roberts Paul : Hog Reade  
 Dolever and Joseph Allen Juner war  
 Chosen Hogreade  
 13 voted Hogs shold go at large under the : Hogs attorney  
 Restriction of the Law the ensuing year  
 voted a Confirmation of a High way from :  
 14 Capt John Curways to Peter Drins as also : severel  
 a High way leading from the way that : Highways  
 to the cut to the way that leads from the : Confirmed  
 Harbor up to Town by Mr Samuell Stevens  
 Juner fenc  
 as also a High way leading from the South West  
 15 End of Dikes lane so called through the wood :  
 to the Sawmill near the House that was former  
 ly Thomas Jiddinges and then said meeting  
 16 was adjoynd to the 14th Instant at one of the : meeting  
 Cloke in the after noon and then meet  
 Mr Samuell Stephens being absent Mr Daniel : adjoynd  
 17 witham was chosen moderator in his Room : moderator  
 18 Nathaniel Rust Saremiak Parson & Saredial  
 Davis war chosen to tell votes - - - - - to tell votes  
 19 voted that Mr Daniel witham Ebenezer Parsons : a committee  
 and Ebenezer Davis shold be a Committee : Chosen  
 to settle accounts with Lio James Davis late Town  
 20 Treasurer  
 voted that the five pound paid by Benjamin Tar :  
 the year past shold be Returned to him againe :  
 for this Reason that Mr James Parson was Cho : Returned  
 sen before and also served in said office of a  
 Constable  
 Ezekiel woodward Juner appeared and Refuseing :  
 to take the oath of a Constable where to paid  
 he was chose he paid five pound to the Town  
 Treasurer as the Law Directs - - - - -

At a Town Meeting Head in Gloucester April 13. 1732  
 to chuse 2 Constables and other Town officers  
 that ar wanting and to grant liberty to sundre  
 parsons to sett up gates a cross some ways and to  
 make sattisfaction to Lio James Davis late Treasurer  
 Elias Davis was chosen moderator for said meeting  
 turn over



- 2 voted Insign Thomas Allin John Sargent and Symon Low should tell votes for said meeting.
- Constables Chosen 3 Benjamin Torway Chosen Constable for the southerly ward: and William Young was Chosen Constable for the Northerly ward -
- 4 John Stephens was Chosen Hogreafe in Rome of our
- Joseph Allen Junior who Refused
- 5 voted that Eighteen pound be paid or allowed unto Lieut James Davis Late Town Treasurer of the Town Treasurer for his care and pains in taking in the use money of the two lone and letting out the same and taking in the use of money and Grate part of the principal
- 6 voted that Samuell Hadlock hath liberty to set up a gate across the way leading by his House toward Ingelers During the Town pleasure.
- 7 voted to Capt Isaac Evelith John Riggs John Roberts and others liberty to sett three gates across the New Road leading by Charles Boyles house toward Ipswich During the Town pleasure.

18-0-0  
Granted to  
the ole Tre  
asurers

Liberty of  
Gates Granted

At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester Aprill 24 1732 Capt Robinson was Chosen Moderator - To Chuse a Constable and a Hogreafe and to enlarge the Constable fee for collecting this present yeare and also to Chuse Jurymen to go to Ipswich Court the third Tuesday in may next James Parsons and Nathaniel Bray was Chosen to tell the votes for said meeting

Constable  
Chose  
Hogreafe  
Chose

- 1 Ebenezer Poole was Chosen Constable for the southerly ward in this Town -
- 2 Stephen Robinson was Chosen Hogreafe
- 3 voted that the Constables should have Eight pence pr pound for collecting Rates this present yeare
- 4 Capt Evelith and Mr Daniel Witham was Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury and Lieut Saml Herrick James Dike and John Sargent were Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryal at the Supream Court to be holden at Ipswich on the third Tuesday of may next ensuing

Jurors  
Chose

Gloucester Octo Ber 11: 1735. Then Laid out by the Selectmen an High way beginning at the High that Lead to the Cagne - beginning about 30 fitts to the southward of mrs Peter verin Garden fence Running Easterly a bout 4 Rods to the North East End of a Grate Rock. So on Easterly about Eight Rods to a Saded Rock or a hollow a Cast it. So into Capt Sanders quarter of an acre of land a bout 4 rods to a Rock supposed to be one of said Sanders Bounding and is the Easterly Corner Bounding. Thence turning Sutherly to the High way that leads to Eastern point this way is Twenty four fitts wide on the North side of said land before you come to the Rock last named and there it is Two Rods wide to a stone settin the ground supposed to be in or near the line of Mr Samuell Pows land 16 fitts to the Northward of a Grate Rock in the High way. to the End of Capt John Corneys Stone wall at the west End of his Store

Highway

Confirmed: march: 7: 1735/2

(Ebenezer Parsons)  
(Ebenezer Davis)  
(Thomas Witham)  
(John Roberts)

Select  
men

A Description of a High way laid out by the Select men November the 22: 1731. from the Highway that lead from the Cut into the Harbour. beginning at a Heap of stone on a Rock by the side of said way. about 4 rods Easterly from Samuell Stevens Juners fence thence Northerly to a grate Rock with stone on the North End of said Rock about 2 Rods Easterly from the corner of said Stevens fence and from said corner North Easterly about 2 Rods to a Rock on a flat Rock and thence more Northerly to a Rock in the ground with stone about 3 rods westerly from previous fence by the High way leading from the Harbour up in to Town and it to extend Easterly from the two last bounds, until it join with the way last mentioned

Confirmed march: 7: 1735/2

(Ebenezer Davis)  
(Thomas Witham)  
(John Roberts)

Select  
men

High Way Lebaugside

A Description of a Highway laid out by the select men May 24: 1731 at the Request of sundrey of the Inhabitanse of this Town leading from the way that leadeth from Little River to James Dikes to the Sawmills by the House that was formerly Thomas Giddings thus Bounded. Beginning at the Southwesterly Corner of James Dikes fence thence Northwesterly by said Dikes fence as said way leadeth till you come to land in the possession of Capt Isaac Evelitt Isaac Evelitt James and Charles Biles: and so on by said Evelitts and Boyles land till you come to land of William Manning and so by said Manning land till you come to land of Mr John Robords and so on by said Robords land till you come to land of Mr Peter Coffins and so by said Coffins land till you come to land of Mr John Riggs and so on by said Riggs land till you come to land of Josiah Kent and so on by said Kents land till you come to land of Lie William Hascall and so on by said Hascall land till you come to land of Joseph Hascall and so on by said Joseph Hascalls land till you come to the way that leadeth from the precinct meeting House to the above said mills and there are the Northwesterly Bounds of said way and said way is Bounded on the Southwesterly side partly by land of Daniel Hascall partly by land of Mr John Robords and partly by land of Capt Isaac Evelitt and partly by land of Mr James Dikes and the Bounds of the Above mentioned parcels of land is the Bounds of said way Confirmed morck: 4: 1731/2

Thomas Withom  
Ebenezer Davis  
Ebenezer Parsons } select men  
James Lane }

At a Town meeting held in Gloucester May 18: 1732 to Chuse a Representative and a Constable and to Grant a Town Rate and sundre other allations ————

Capt Joseph Allen was chosen Moderator for said meeting —

- 1 voted that the select men should make by laws:
  - Relating to the Regulating Horses going one the Town Common: as also Relating to Rams going at large with the sheep: as also Relatting to prevent bringing of sheep from the western side of annisquam River to the Eastern side of the same to prevent the Infection
- 2 voted that the select men should take care to make a fence and set up a gat a crosse the way where it was formerly between William Peterson and the Cutt ————
- 3 voted that the Trustees Doe forth with call in the Interest of the sixty thousand pound lone and in case that those parsons from whom it is Due do Neglect to bring in said use according to order that the Trustees Doe forth with putt there Bonds in sute ————
- 4 voted that they would build a house ad ioyning to the house where Ruth Miller now liveth ————
- 5 voted that said House should be 22 fatts long & 14 fatts wide and 7 fatts stund with a convenient seller under the same and that the select men have power to draw monney out of the Town Treasure to Defray the charge of building said house and to gitt said house built ————
- 6 voted that the Town Treasurer Doe forth with call in the Remaing part of the Interest of the fifty thousand pound lone which is out in Bonds to help Defray the Town Depts this present year ————
- 7 voted that there should be a Rate or assesment made on the polls and Estates of this Town amountting to Two hundred & fifty pound and is to pay our scoll master and Representative Maintain the poore and pay our porpotion of our County rate and build a house for the Town use and of the contin gent Charges arising within this Town this present year ————
- 8 voted an acceptance of Mr Eliezer Parsons to serve as constable in the home of Ebenezer pool who was chose to serve in said office and hath hired said parsons to serve in his home ————
- 9 Mr Samuel Stevens was chose to serve for and Represent this Town at the Greate and General Court or Assembly to be held at the Court house in Boston this present year ————

By Law  
to be Made

at gate to  
be set up

Interest  
to be paid  
in

a House  
to be  
built

Town Sec  
call in

a Town  
Rate

Constable  
accepted

Represent  
high chosen



Town meeting In Gloucester: 1732

Jury  
chosen

at a Town Meeting held in Gloucester: July 4: 1732  
to chuse Jurymen to goe to Salem Court the second  
Tuesday of this Instant: Mr Joseph Sargent was  
Chosen Moderator for said meeting  
Mr Thomas Witham Mr Stephen Cleigh and Mr  
Samuell Hodskins Junr. was Chosen to serve on  
the Jury of Tryals at said Court

to the Freeholder & other in the Burth  
belonging to the Town of Gloucester  
qualified to vote in town Affairs as the law  
directs the said In the said order came to  
will & require you to Assemble & meet  
to gether at the meeting house in the parish  
of St Andrew in Gloucester on Monday 20 day of  
November Instant at nine of the Clock in the  
forenoon to make choice of A suitable  
person for A town Clerk for the Remainder  
of this present year & also how to hear  
the Request of the Northbury parish  
Relating to A school Master Gloucester  
By order of the select men At all town  
to make choice of A surveyor of high  
way Gloucester Newmber: 1732  
Ebenezzer Parson Collect: Man:

Notifia  
on the town  
meeting

Clerk Newmber 20 / 1732 At A Town meeting held  
In Gloucester Joseph Allen was Chosen Clerk  
Surveyor to town & Mr Eliot Davis was Chosen  
Surveyor in the Room of Mr Ebenezer  
Davis Deceased the Aforementioned Joseph  
Allen was Chosen Moderator of the meeting

to Chap Jry  
man

At A Town meeting held in Gloucester October  
21: 1732 to chuse 5 Jurymen 2 on the grand  
Jury 3 on the Jury of Tryals at Salem this  
Instant upon the following to chuse A  
Jury of 12 in the room of Deceased Ebenezer  
Davis late of Gloucester Deceased & to Engage  
sum high way

Mr John Roberts moderator for  
the meeting & Michael Woodson & Palleliach  
Dea & John Dalloway to tell tales for the  
meeting & Samuell Rev John Sargent Capt  
gravel Jury men & Joseph Gough & Joseph  
Crown & John Wharf for the Jury of Tryals  
meigs Ezra Sargent Mr Chas Abbotte  
toes for the room of Lieut Ebenezer Davis  
Deceased & the way Engaged from the Mill  
to John Riggs at a wheel as per Exp proposed  
in Court & to follow on the beginning at A post  
with a stone A Court in the said whittling  
A house of the high way that leads to wards  
the house of Deceased Davis Deceased & from  
thence to the south East side of the well  
by the house that the To Ring now lieth in  
from thence southerly to the Northbury End  
of the Ring then well to by the pond As  
at now stands till it come to the bounds  
of the high way all ready laid out by  
the said John Riggs now & on the  
west side of the pond the fore to come  
A long by the Mill pond two roads wid  
till it come to the bounds of the high way  
all ready layed out on the Easterly side the  
to way was layed out November 22: 1732

trust led

high way

high way up in town

- 131 At A General Town meeting hold In Glocester to Chose  
 Town officers for the year In being many other things that  
 might be that proper to be done at so meeting March 6: 1732/3
- 1 At so meeting Mr Elias Daves no chosen moderator
  - 2 To tell what for so meeting were Chosen Samuel Daves to tell what  
 Solomon parson John Bray
  - 3 Benjamin parson no chosen Constable at so meeting  
 John Daves Chosen Constable at so meeting  
 William Haskul parson Chosen Constable & payd  
 John Haskul Chosen Constable & payd  
 Joseph Kent Chosen Constable at so meeting
  - 4 To choose William Haskul Doackon Parish lune  
 Mr Daniel Witham Mr Elias Daves Mr Edward Parson men  
 at so meeting were Chosen select men
  - 5 Joseph Allen no chosen Town Clerk  
 Nathaniel Witham & Elory Geron Treasurers  
 Largett William Haskul Thomas Pals per Brother  
 Trask Samuel & Allet Caleb Red Thomas Riggs June  
 6 Joseph Ingersoll John Largett Samuel Kent Samuel  
 Land John Tucker are of Chosen Surveyors of Highways  
 Henry Haskul Samuel Get Samuel parson Simon  
 7 Loret & Chosen select men in the year In being  
 8 Mr Thomas Witham Inquire Thomas Allen Mr John  
 Robert are Chosen for the year  
 9 Ebenezer Collins Daniel Haskul Samuel Parson  
 Lectors of Leathan  
 10 Hog Roast Abraham Daves Theron Lector Anthony  
 Benit John Haskul  
 11 Roads Drivers Elder Parson Lector John Day  
 William Parson  
 12 at the meeting a bou. Daves that the select men  
 Loret out the arms here in the harbor from quarter to  
 quarter un till further ord from so of our Lacking  
 good security for the Roads & for the Town up

April the 3: 1733 At A Town meeting

- 1 hold In Glocester to Chose two Constables  
 many other things that might be that  
 proper to be done at so meeting  
 so meeting Chose John Parson Constable  
 for the both word for the year In  
 being & Benjamin Foster no chosen  
 Constable for Northern word of so  
 Glocester the year In being
- 2 at the so meeting voted whether  
 the boys should go at Lary or not  
 it passed in the formilized
- 3 at the so meeting the following  
 high way was confirmed & order  
 to be read the Description of the way  
 beginning betwen s. Benjamin Daves  
 and Joshua Norwood 3 Rodds wide and  
 so up betwen s. d. Joshua Norwood  
 Land on y. Right hand and Loret  
 John Daves Land on y. Left 3  
 Rodds Wide so along to Samuel Griffens  
 Land on y. Right hand and y. s. Daves  
 on y. Left up to s. Griffens Corner near  
 three ften house three Rodds wide so thursten  
 so Leewings s. Thurstens house on y.  
 Right hand a Long By s. Daves Land  
 until it Comes to s. Daves here by  
 on y. Right hand so betwen his Land  
 to s. Griffens Land on y. Left hand  
 to s. Griffens house all four Rodds wide  
 from s. Thurstens house
- 4 A Description of a way from y. head  
 of Loret Cove up into y. aforesd  
 way by s. Thurstens house & beginning  
 at y. s. Cue by y. Little Rock near  
 near John Botman's ore along  
 By y. head of y. s. Loret over y. Loret



Cove to y<sup>e</sup> Stone wal belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Heirs of Mr Samuel York deceased So by so wall up to y<sup>e</sup> meeting house so Round y<sup>e</sup> meeting <sup>high</sup> by Land of y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Broadstreet to y<sup>e</sup> joining to y<sup>e</sup> way that Lead to Hodgkins Cove Then begining from y<sup>e</sup> way between John Bootmans Land and Jacob Carter So along by so butmans Land to y<sup>e</sup> right Hand as y<sup>e</sup> Fence now stand, until it come to Joseph Harendens hereby Land where there are two Great Rocks lying together so round y<sup>e</sup> Rocks up y<sup>e</sup> hill to Samuel Griffens Juners Dore by John Scarfes Land on y<sup>e</sup> right hand all this thus for four rodd, wide then two rodd, wide from so Griffens Juner to Samuel Griffen Seanen at his Door So along by so Griffens Land, and by Joseph Thurstens as far as Griffens Corner for rodd, wide

A high way for m<sup>an</sup> highway at square

A Description of a way from Tho<sup>ms</sup> Savels to y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> way from Lobster Cove th<sup>is</sup> begining at y<sup>e</sup> so bars by so Savells house two rodd, wide so along between Deneson and Thurstons to y<sup>e</sup> Reverent Mr Broadstreet to so Joseph Harendens to so Thurstens and so into Throstens house &c

A high way for m<sup>an</sup>

November in y<sup>e</sup> Year: 1727  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Andrew Robenson  
 Mr Thomas Witham  
 Mr Samuel Sargent

Substant Court Road

At A Town meeting Held in Glosthor 14 of May 1733 to Chuse a Constable & grant to grant Town Rate & to Chuse a representative to grant any other B<sup>us</sup>ness that may be thote ft. to be done at so meeting  
 Licut William Haskul wof chosen moderator for so meeting to wof chosen  
 William young & James Daur Juner

To grant Town Rate & to Chuse a representative to grant any other B<sup>us</sup>ness that may be thote ft. to be done at so meeting

Resolved that the Constable for this year should have Eight pence p<sup>er</sup> pound for gathering the Town Rate  
 John Ellison wof Accepted Constable in the room of John parsons  
 Resolved that A Town rate be made for paying the schoolmaster & for the relief of the poor to the value of two hundred & thirty pounds

Constable

Town Rate 230£

May 14 1733

A Town Meeting to chouse five jury men. Two grand jury men & three on the Jury of trials Licutant William Haskul wof chosen Moderator for so meeting & wof chosen wof chosen William young James Daur Juner Elwood Collins Haskul & Mr Joseph Haskul Licutant William Haskul & Mr Joseph Haskul were chosen to look on the other 40

to Chuse Jury men

May 14 / 1733 A Town meeting to Choose jury men  
2 Joseph Witham & Junior Daines & Timothea-  
Dun round Chosen to serve on the jury of  
jury men  
of trials

June 4 1733 A Town Meeting to Choose A Committee  
to Dispute with A Committee from Ipswich Retarding  
to Gobacks Bridge & other Debates & Nothing done

At A Town meeting hold in Gloucester July 9: 1733  
to Choose jury men to go to Salem and the next day  
of this instant & Lieutenant Junior Daines was Chosen  
Moderator for the Meeting At the meeting Ebenezer Collins  
Capt Thomas Sanders Ezekiel Woodward Jun were Chosen  
to serve as jury men At Salem At the same time  
last day of this instant finish

At A Town meeting hold in Gloucester to Choose  
jury men to go to Salem and the next day  
of this instant Eliazor person  
was Chosen Moderator for the meeting  
at the meeting Mr Joseph Sargent &  
Mr Benjamin Haskel were Chosen  
to serve and the grand jury of  
Goddick Daines Benjamin Dole &  
Joseph Winslow to serve and the grand  
of trials At Salem the last day of  
this instant

At the A Town meeting Eliazor person was Chosen  
Moderator At the meeting it was voted  
where as Lieutenant Junior Daines Lie Nothing  
Eliazor Mr Samuel Sargent were Chosen  
to Make up A Comtee with the trustees  
of the fifty thousand pound Loan  
& have the duty that the Com  
mittee before mentioned should pro  
ceed & Make up with the trustees  
& bring in there A Comtee the next  
Month meeting & that the Clerk  
shall serve them with A Copy of the  
same

Gloucester

March the 9<sup>th</sup> 1733 To Chose Town  
officers for the year In fixing &  
to Chose Agents to defend the Town  
Against the Town of Ipswich & to receive  
the reports of the Committee Chosen December  
21 = 1730 to Make up & settle A Comtee with  
the trustees of the 50000 £ Loan & as A  
they think fit Mr Eliazor Daines was Chosen  
Moderator for the Meeting Mr Joseph Witham  
Mr Goddick Daines & Mr Thomas Riggs Jun  
were Chosen to tell the acts of the meeting  
Joseph Allen Jun was Chosen Constable for the  
yearly ward on part of the Town & Mr John  
was Chosen Constable for the North ward on part of the Town  
the market keeper was Chosen Constable for  
the backside



134 A Town Meeting Mr Daniel Withum Mr Eliot Davis  
 Deacon William Haskell Deacon James Lane  
 Joseph Allen now Chapin Collectors  
 Mr Daniel Withum was Chapin Town Clerk  
 Joseph Allen was Chapin Town Treasurer  
 David Hinwood, Samuel Ray, Jonathan  
 Spole, Paltitiah Day, Gorge Bonafson  
 Nimphor Stace, Daniel Smith, Nathaniel  
 Millit William Parsons, Ebonah Haskell  
 Abraham Lyon — Surveins of Highways  
 Benjamin Pate, James Godfre, Peter Tolson  
 James Lyon, Joseph Weston: —  
 And Chapin Tithen men —  
 Thomas Allen Simon Love Ezekel Day  
 and Chapin sower  
 Ebonah Ellins Daniel Haskell Samuel  
 Parsons and Chapin Dealers of leather  
 Capt Thomas Kinders Andrew Riggs  
 Ebonah Poole Samuel Gook William  
 Ring and Chapin hografs —  
 H. J. H. bonds: John Ellins Chapin  
 Round, or Paid Drivers. —

Mr Daniel Withum Mr Eliot Davis Chapin  
 Agents to defend the Town of Gloucester A-  
 gainst the Town of Ipswich Relating to  
 Sabake Brig —  
 voted that there shall be drawn out of  
 the Town treasure of the the Agents here  
 A Copy of the Verdict these have paid to the  
 value of thirty pounds —  
 Gloucester March the 5 / 1733 for the  
 the A Court to meeting Agutted to Outday  
 the twelveth of this Instant at three of  
 the Clock in the afternoon. —

this for Capt Allen  
 enter d 4 Record

Gloucester March the 12<sup>th</sup> 1733.

The Inhabitants of said Gloucester met by Adjourn.

Meeting by. ment & proceeded as follows.

- Adjournment. 1. They chose Mr Benjamin Pate to tell the  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Pate votes of the Meeting in the Room of Mr Je-  
 chop to tell didiah Davis who was Absent.  
 votes
- Mr Nath<sup>l</sup> Ellery from the Committee to make  
 up & settle Accounts with the Trustees of  
 £. 50000 Loan reported that Major Sargent  
 had never had any Satisfaction for his Service  
 as Trustee.
- 2 Voted that the Treasurer pay to Major  
 Eyer Sargent the Sum of Eight Pounds in  
 full Satisfaction for said Service as Trustee.
- 3 Whereas John Wharf has hired Benjamin  
 Foster to serve as Constable in his Room  
 if the Town will accept said Foster.  
 Voted to accept him. And he was  
 immediately sworn before Justice Sargent.
- Benj<sup>a</sup> Foster Constable in  
 Room of John Wharf.

4. Mr Joseph Allen Jun<sup>r</sup> neglecting & refusing to take the Oath of Constable John Matchett John Matchett  
was chosen Constable in his Room who re- Const. refus.  
fusing to take the Oath of Constable when  
tendered him in the Meeting by Mr Justice Sar- Eben<sup>r</sup>  
gent, they chose Mr Ebenezer Somes in his Room Some<sup>r</sup>  
chosen  
They chose Mr James Parsons & Nathaniel Hogreaves  
Hogreaves. Mr Parsons refusing the  
Oath when tendered him in the meeting by Mr  
Justice Sargent, they chose Mr Nath<sup>l</sup> Bray  
6 Voted Remine Contradictorie that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Agents  
Elija Davis & Daniel Witham chosen A- Power.  
gents to defend the Town of Gloucester in  
an Action commenced against s<sup>d</sup> Town of  
Gloucester by the Town of Ipswich relating  
to a pretended Agreement between the  
two Towns concerning Chebacco Bridge  
be fully empowered to defend the said Town  
of Gloucester against s<sup>d</sup> Town of Ipswich  
in s<sup>d</sup> Action; to Employ one or more At-  
torneys; to appeal in Case & give Reasons;  
and Act in all respects as if all the said  
Town of Gloucester were personally present;  
& proceed from Court to Court till the s<sup>d</sup>  
Action shall have passed thro<sup>gh</sup> the Law.  
Attest Daniel Witham Clerk

The following Notification was set up  
on the Doors of the Meeting Houses in  
the three parishes in Gloucester more than  
14 Days before the Time set for s<sup>d</sup> Notifica-  
tion for Meeting viz.

- Ex<sup>tra</sup> s<sup>c</sup>. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants No  
of the Town of Gloucester qualified by Law to tifi-  
cate  
vote in Town Affairs are required in his Majesty's  
Name to assemble & meet together at the  
old Meeting House in said Town, on Monday  
the Eighth Day of April next ensuing the  
Date hereof at ten of the Clock in the fore-  
noon In Order To choose or accept  
1. aforesaid in the Room of Mr Ebenezer  
Somes who has refused to take the Oath  
of s<sup>d</sup> Office & other Officers if wanted;  
2. To determine whether the Swine shall  
go at large of Ensuing Year or not;  
3. To hear and Act upon the Petition of  
Sundry Inhabitants of the westerly Parish  
relating to a School House.  
4. To grant a Town Rate for defraying  
the Charges of s<sup>d</sup> Year Current. Glouc.  
March 22. 1733. Joseph Allen William  
Haskell Elija Davis Daniel Witham  
Select Men  
turn over.



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Meeting

Pursuant to y<sup>e</sup> aforwritten Notification  
the Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester  
on y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1734.  
met & chose

Moderator

Capt. Andrew Robinson Moderator;

Tellers

John Curtis Stephen Somes &amp; Ebenezer

Collins to tell y<sup>e</sup> Votes of the Meeting

Jurors

3 Voted that the Swine goat large the Ensu-  
ing Year being Yoked & ringed according to Law

Constable

4 Voted to accept of Samuel Hodgkins  
junr to be Constable in y<sup>e</sup> Room of m<sup>r</sup>  
Ebenezer Somes. And then the Modera-  
tor adjourned for half an Hour & then

met again &amp;

Town  
Rate

5 Voted that a Rate amounting to y<sup>e</sup> Sum  
of three hundred Pounds be levied upon  
y<sup>e</sup> Polls & Estates in Town by y<sup>e</sup> Select  
Men to defray the whole Town Charges  
of y<sup>e</sup> Ensuing Year. & then the Meeting  
was dismissed

Attest Daniel Witham Clerk.

The following Notifications were set up  
on the Doors of the Meeting Houses in  
Gloucester according to their Date viz

Notification

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Gloucester qualified by Law  
made and provided in this Case are required  
in his Majesties Name to Assemble and  
meet together at the Old Meeting House  
in said Gloucester on Fryday the Tenth  
Day of this Instant May at one of the  
Clock in the Afternoon then & there to make  
Choice of one or more Persons to serve &  
represent them in the great & generall  
Court or Assembly for this Year ensuing  
Gloucester May y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1734 By Order  
of the Select Men — Elias Davis

Notifi. 2

The Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified to  
Vote according to Law are hereby re-  
quired by Virtue of An Order or Decree  
from the Clerk of the Superior Court to me  
directed to convene and Assemble at the  
old Meeting House in Gloucester on Fryday  
~~next~~ at one of the Clock in the Afternoon  
then & there to choose two good & suitable  
Men to serve as Grand Jurys Men and three  
to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at his  
Majesties Superior Court of Judicature  
to.

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to be holden within & for the County of Essex at Ipswich the second Tuesday of this Instant May.

Gloucester May 4<sup>th</sup> 1734 Samuel Hodgkins Junr Constable

Pursuant to which Notifications the Free. Meet<sup>g</sup> of Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Glouces.

met May 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1734 and chose

Mr James Sayward Moderator  
 Capt. Joseph Allen Representative  
 \* Lieut James Davis } Grandjurors  
 & Capt Isaac Evelette }  
 Lieut. William Haskell }  
 Mr Philemon Warner Junr }  
 \* Lieut Samuel Herrick to serve on the

Jury of Tryalls at the Superior Court to be holden at Ipswich the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant

Voted that the Select Men address the Great & Generall Court by a Petition to grant the Town some of the un. appropriated Lands within the Province, for Land in Order to Maintain a Grammar School in this Town

And then the Meeting was dismissed  
 Attest Daniel Witham Clerk

At the Aforesaid Meeting May 10. 1734 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Symonds Low and Jorick Davis & others were chosen together with y<sup>e</sup> Constable to tell y<sup>e</sup> Votes of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting  
 Daniel Witham Clerk

Tell Votes  
 chosen  
 this should have been inserted where the Mark are.

The following Notification was posted up & read in the three parishes at the Meeting Houses ten Days at least before the Time of Meeting viz

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester qualified to vote in Town Affairs according to Law are required in his Majesties Name to assemble & meet together at the old Meeting House in Gloucester on Monday the seventeenth Day of this Instant June at twelve of y<sup>e</sup> Clock on said Day; in Order to choose Agents to Answer to the Inhabitants of Squam or Lower Neck who have commenced an Action against the Town by Virtue of a Vote bearing Date June 2<sup>d</sup> 1708 or Otherwise to make up with the said Plandiffs if you think proper; To consider of a Method to Accomodate the poor Remote Parts of the Town with the School.  
 To confirm any High Ways laid out by the Select Men;

To.  
 turn over.



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To Consult and provide a Way and Method to  
fortify the Harbour against our Enemies.

Gloucester June 4<sup>th</sup> 1734 William Haskell

Elias Davis Daniel Witham  
Joseph Allen Select Men

Meeting

In Conformity to the before written Notification  
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town  
of Gloucester legally qualified to Vote in Town Affairs  
met June 17<sup>th</sup> 1734 And Chose

Moderator

Elder James Sayward Moderator

Tell Votes

Messrs John Stevens Joseph Allen junr and Abra-  
ham Davis to collect the Votes of the Meeting.

An high

Voted that the following high Way be accepted and  
confirmed viz.

Way

confirmed

A Description of an high Way laid out in Gloucester  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 1734 by the Select Men of Gloucester  
is as follows viz.

The said high Way begins at the old high Way  
near Mr John Riggs House where y<sup>e</sup> said Way is  
bounded on the northerly Side by a flat broken  
Rock & on the Southwesterly Side by another  
broken Rock in the Wall about two Rods from  
Southward the Rock first mentioned; and so all the Comon  
Land between Mr John Riggs Land on the  
Southwesterly side & Mr Jeremy Riggs half  
Acre on the northeasterly Side running Easter-  
ly till it comes to Land in Possession of Dea.  
son Benjamin Haskell And thence by said  
Haskells Land on the Easterly side and said  
John Riggs Land on the westerly side till we  
come within two Rods of the Burying Place  
Where it is about two Rods wide; thence  
Eastwardly with the Land of P. Deacon Benja-  
min Haskell on both Sides; till it comes to a  
Small Stone Bridge over a Brook, And from  
thence on Easterly till you come to the Land  
of Mr John Roberts on both Sides, till you  
come to the old high Way to the Meeting House  
All Which Land that Now lyeth comon to be  
and remain for an high Way for all Persons  
to pass and repass forever, reserving Sufficient  
Room for a Pound near the House which was  
lately the Rev<sup>d</sup> Tompsons Deceased.

Elias Davis } Select  
William Haskell } Men  
James Lane }  
Daniel Witham }

School re-

moved to

Squam Pond

for 12

Months

Voted that the Select Men order the School  
to be removed into Squam. Parish for twelve  
Months next following, provided that the Squam  
Inhabitants will let fall their Action against  
the Town, and never prosecute any further about  
the School for Time past, & provide a Place  
for the Schoolmaster to keep School in

Voted that the School be removed to accom- School to  
date the remote Parts of the Town as much Circulate  
as may be.

Voted that there be a Committee to proportion Comtee  
the School to the several Parts of the Town

Voted that Messrs. Elias Davis, Thomas to proportion  
Witham, Jonathan Pool Major Eper San the School  
gent, Capt. Nathaniel Cobb Mr William to the  
Young Capt Isaac Eveleth & Mr John Parts of  
Parsons be the Committee as above, And Town  
report What they think proper to be done  
in that Affair to the Town

Mem. There was much Discourse about fortify-  
ing the Harbour but no Vote about it.

Daniel Witham Cler

The following Warrant was given to Con-  
stable Benj. Foster viz  
To Benjamin Foster Constable of Gloucester, Warrant  
In his Majesties Name you are required to  
assemble, at the old Meeting House the Inhabi-  
tants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester qualified by Law  
to vote in Town Affairs, on Thursday the  
nineteenth Instant In Order to hear the Report  
of y<sup>e</sup> Agents chosen to defend against y<sup>e</sup> Town of  
Ipswich in an Action commenced f<sup>r</sup> Ipswich  
about Chebacco Bridge & make said Agents  
Allowance for s<sup>r</sup> Service. And to know if  
the Town of ~~Ipswich~~ will do any Thing to-  
ward making Chebacco Bridge a Cart Bridge  
in Case Ipswich will prosecute no further  
upon y<sup>e</sup> pretended contract between the Towns  
Dated at Gloucester Dec<sup>r</sup>. 13. 1734. Elias Davis  
William Haskell Daniel Witham Select Men.

Pursuant to the within written Warrant Return  
I have warned the Inhabitants of this Town  
to meet at the Time and Place within mentio-  
ned by setting up a Notification at y<sup>e</sup> Door  
of each Meeting House in Town Gloucester  
Dec<sup>r</sup>. 19. 1734 Benjamin Foster Constable

Pursuant to this Warning the Inhabitants of  
Gloucester met Decemb<sup>r</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup> 1734 and chose  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Allen Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting. &  
agreeable to a Warrant from y<sup>e</sup> Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> Inferior Court they chose

Nathaniel Sawyer } to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury. Jurors  
& Josiah Lane }

William Parsons Joseph Allen Jun<sup>r</sup> & Ben- chosen  
jamin Wheeler to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of Tryall  
At y<sup>e</sup> next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem  
this last Tuesday of this Instant December.

Voted that the Agents be allowed Ten Shillings agents  
per Day for their Time And Horse hire 10/p Day



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& Hopkine  
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Voted that the Agents against Ipswich be al-  
lowed twelve pounds for their Time & Horse Hire,  
Voted that Agent Account amounting in the  
whole to forty eight pounds nineteen Shillings  
& Eleven Pence, be allowed they paying the Witnesses  
& Sheriff Seven pounds ten Shillings And taking  
the Executions against the Town of Ipswich  
in Part of Pay for their Service & Expenses  
in Said Case <sup>against Ipswich</sup> And the Remainder of the aforesaid  
Account be paid out of the Treasury of y<sup>e</sup> Town.  
Attest Daniel Witham Cler.

Account  
allord.

Notification The Following Notification was posted up on  
the Meeting House Door as Usual viz  
The Free holders and other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Gloucester qualified by Law to vote in  
Town Affairs are hereby notified and warned  
to Assemble and meet together at the Old Meeting  
House in said Town on Tuesday the fourth  
Day of March next at nine of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup>  
Forenoon in Order to choose Town Officers for y<sup>e</sup>  
ensuing Year; To give the Select Men Orders  
to make By-Laws for the Ensuing Year &  
to hear and Act upon any Petitions that may  
be offered if they see Cause Gloucester Jan<sup>y</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>  
1734 Joseph Allen James Lane Daniel  
Witham Select Men.

Meeting Pursuant the above written Notification  
The Free holders and other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup>  
Town of Gloucester legally qualified to vote met  
at the Old Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday  
the fourth Day of March 1734 and chose  
Mod<sup>erator</sup> Mr James Parsons Moderator  
Toll<sup>ates</sup> Solomon Parsons Benja<sup>y</sup> Patee and Thomas  
Pulifsen to tell the Votes

Constables Michael Webber  
Joseph Herrick &  
William Hilton Constables

Clerk Daniel Witham Town Clerk (men chosen)

5 Select Voted that there should be five & no more Select  
They chose Mess<sup>rs</sup> Edmund Grover Ebenezer  
Parsons James Lane John Roberts &  
Daniel Witham Select Men

Survey of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Witham John Parsons Luke  
Morgan Benjamin Cunningham Jacob Woodberry  
High Ways Joseph Sargent Ezekiel Day Josiah Haskell

Lerubabel Allen Jabez Baker Jedidiah  
Davis Stephen Somes and Henry Haskell  
Survey of High Ways Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Riggs jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Parsons &  
John Pool Ebenezer Luffin & Aaron Riggs

Sything men Sything men  
Lieut Thomas Allen John Gooding &  
Fence Viewers Ezekiel Day Fence Viewers

Seal<sup>ers</sup> of Ebenezer Collins Nymphas Stacy and  
Leather Daniel Haskell Sealers of Leather

Stewards Symonds Low and Stephen Robinson  
Glewards or Field Drivers

They chose

Elisha Corney Abel Davis Antony Beret  
jund. Caleb Pool Edmund Clarke & Samuel. Hogreen  
Sargent jund. Hogreens  
Capt. Joseph Allen Town Treasurer Treasr.  
Mr Samuel Herrick Surveyor of Surd of  
Hemp Hemp

Voted that the Swine go at large Swine at large  
Voted that the Select Men be fully impowred Select  
to make By Laws Such as may be tho't needfull men to  
for of Town According to their Discretion make By-  
Laws.  
Voted that a Petition Signd Saml Stevens Petition  
Should be dismissed Dismissed  
Voted that a Petition of John Millet be dismissed Dismissed  
Voted that Messrs James Sayward Thomas Cornice  
Witham Jonathan Pool John Parsons Ja. to pro.  
Job Haskell Benj. Paley and James  
Lane or the Major Part of them be a Committee portion  
to proportion the School to All Parts of the  
Town According to the Vote of June 17. 1734 the  
In Answer to the Petitions from of Cape & School  
Eastern Points, And that the Committee make  
Report to the Town the first Opportunity.  
After Henry Haskell in the 140<sup>th</sup> Page Add  
Survey. of High Ways as it is interlined.

The following Notification was posted upon  
the Meeting House Door according to Custom viz  
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Glocester qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs are hereby notified & warned to assemble & meet together any old Meeting House in said Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> twenty fourth of March Instant at twelve of the Clock on said Day To choose any Town Officers that may be wanted, And to give y<sup>e</sup> Committee of Ipswich an Opportunity to converse with y<sup>e</sup> Town about Chebacco Bridge and act what may be thought most proper relating to y<sup>e</sup> Affair of the said Bridge. Glocester March y<sup>e</sup> 11. 1734/5 By Order of the Select Men Daniel Witham Town Clerk

Pursuant to which Notification  
The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Town Meeting  
of Glocester met at y<sup>e</sup> Old Meeting House in the  
said Town on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1734/5 and chose  
Mr David Plumer Moderator Mod. At.  
Jedidiah Davis Thomas Riggs junr & John Tell Vt.  
Wharfe to tell y<sup>e</sup> Votes of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting.  
The Question being put Whether they would  
Accepted of Benjamin Foster to Serve as a Constable  
in y<sup>e</sup> Room of William Hillon to be  
chosen Constable at y<sup>e</sup> last Anniversary March  
Meeting, turn over



in 6<sup>th</sup> m  
Hillons Room

Meeting and it past in the negative.

Then they chose Thomas Cannaby Constable  
by Constable in the Room of W<sup>m</sup> Hillon of or:Voted to ~~Excuse~~ Elisha Conroy and forgive  
him the fine laid upon him by Law for not  
fine for taking of Oath of Hogevee to which Office he was  
chose the last Meeting.2 more  
Hogevees.Voted to have two more Hogevees. & they chose  
Joseph Gardner & Joseph Sayward Hogevees  
The Question was published whether the Meeting should  
be adjourned on Account of the last Article and  
it past in the Negative.Notifica-  
tion

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified to vote in  
Town Affairs are hereby notified and warned to  
assemble and meet together at the old Meeting-  
House in said Town on Tuesday the twenty se-  
cond Day of April current at one of the Clock  
in the Afternoon In Order to choose a Constable  
and any other Town Officers that may be  
wanting; To hear and act upon any Petitions  
that may be offered; and to choose one or more  
Agents to Defend against the Town of Ipswich  
who have comenced an Action of Review of  
Case relating to the pretended Agreement  
about the Balca Bridge to be heard at & near  
Superior Court Gloucester April y 16. 1735  
By Order of the select Men Daniel Witham Town Clerk

Pursuant to which Notification, Gloucester  
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants quali-  
fied by Law <sup>to vote</sup> met on y 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1735  
to choose

Capt. Isaac Eveleth Moderator.

Ebenezer Somes John Stanford & Ebenezer  
Witham to tell y Votes of the Meeting;

David Stanwood Jun Constable

Voted to Accept of John Hadley to serve  
Constable in the Room of Michael Wobber

Voted that Capt Joseph Allen be joynd w<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel Witham to Defend against the Town of  
Ipswich in an Action of Review comenced by y  
said Ipswich to be heard at the next Superior  
Court to be holden at s<sup>d</sup> Ipswich within y County  
of Essex in the Room of 1770 Elias Davis Dec:  
with y full Power that the said Davis & c<sup>th</sup>  
Witham had by a Vote passd March y 12<sup>th</sup> 1733  
DANIEL WITHAM Cler

Notifica-  
tion

Pursuant to a Warrant to me directed from  
the Clerk of his Majesties Superior  
Court of Judicature for the County of Essex  
&c These are to notifie and Warn the  
Freeholders and other Inhabitants duly  
qualified in the Town of Gloucester (In his  
Majesties Name) that they assemble &  
meet at the old Meeting House in Glo-  
cester

Glocester on Tuesday the Sixth Day of May next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to choofe five good and lawfull men to serve at the next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Ipswich the second Tuesday of May next. Two of them to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury and three on the Jury of Tryalls. Glocester Dated April y<sup>e</sup> 22 1735 Benjamin Foster Constable

Notifica-  
- cation

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Glocester qualified by Law to vote are notified and wanned to meet together at the Old Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the Sixth Day of May current at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the afternoon In Order to choofe a Constable or any other Town officer that may be wanting To grant Money to the Agents to defend against Ipswich in the Case of the Bridge and to choofe one or more Freeholders to represent them in the Great & Generall Court appointed to be holden at Boston at the Court House the twenty Eighth Day of May current. Glocester May y<sup>e</sup> first A.D. 1735 By Order of the Select Men Daniel Witham Town Cler

Pursuant to Which. Notifications The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Glocester qualified by Law to vote met together at the Old Meeting House and chose on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> Sixth Day of May 1735 y<sup>e</sup> choofe Mod. & Mr William Parsons Moderator. Grand Capt. Isaac Eveleth and Mr James Jurors Davis junr. to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury John Day junr. Ezekiel Day and Nym. Petty phas Stacy to serve on the Jury Tryalls at y<sup>e</sup> next Superior Court to be holden at Ipswich. And The Question put by y<sup>e</sup> Clerk Whether Mr William Parsons should stand Moderation of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting called by y<sup>e</sup> Select Men it past in the Affirmative nemine Contradicente. They chose Francis Norwood Constable in y<sup>e</sup> Room of David Stanwood who paid his fine to Epes Sargeants Esq<sup>r</sup>. Under the Management of the Select Men they chose Capt. Joseph Allen to represent them in y<sup>e</sup> great & generall Court. And Voted to grant fifteen Pounds to y<sup>e</sup> 15 Agents to enable them to defend against Ipswich in y<sup>e</sup> Case of y<sup>e</sup> Chebacco Bridge. Agents

Daniel Witham Cler



Notification The Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs are hereby notified and warned to assemble and meet together at the old Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the tenth Day of June next at one of the Clock in the afternoon In Order to choose a Constable or any other Town Officer that may be want- ing To grant a Town Rate for Defraying the necessary Charges of the Town the Year Currant To hear the Report of the Agents against Ipswich relating to the Affair of Bridge and Act what may be thought most proper relating to the said Affair of said Report and said Bridge And To hear & Act upon the Report of the Committee appoint- ed to proportion the School to the severall Parts of the Town Gloucester May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1735 by Order of the Select Men

Daniel Witham Town Cler

Meeting Pursuant to which Notification  
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of  
the Town of Gloucester met ~~at~~ June 10<sup>th</sup>  
1735 and chose Capt. Joseph Allen Moderator  
Tell Votes Nymphas Stacy Caleb Tar & Benj<sup>a</sup> Foster  
to tell of Votes of the Meeting.  
Constable Samuel Gott Jun<sup>r</sup> Constable  
Survey<sup>r</sup> Voted to choose a Surveyor of high Ways in  
the Room of Henry Haskell who is removed  
out of Town. They chose  
Aaron Bruy Survey<sup>r</sup> in J<sup>d</sup> Haskells Room  
100 L Voted that there be levied upon the Poles & Estates  
Rate one hundred Pounds to defray the necessary  
Charges of the Town of Year Currant. —  
77 L Voted that the Select Men draw out of  
to pay Town Treasury Seventy Seven Pounds  
Ipswich In Order to Answer the Judgment of Court  
recovered by Ipswich against Gloucester at  
Lafayette Superior Court at Ipswich.  
report of School to proportion the School to the severall Parts  
of the Town and a Petition Sign Isaac Eve-  
to proportion: lerts & others in Behalf of of Westbury Parish  
School relating to of proportioning the School be re-  
refer to October ferred to a Meeting to be called Some Time  
in October next And the Select Men are hereby  
ordered to set <sup>up</sup> a Seasonable Notification Some  
Time in said month of October to that Purpose  
& to hear and Act upon any Petition referring  
to the said Report. (Dismissed)  
Agents Voted that a Petition Sign John Hadley be  
allowed. Voted that An Account Sign Joseph Allen  
Daniel Witham Agents amounting to ten pounds  
eighteen Shillings & four Pence be allowed

Daniel Witham Cler

Esq. To Either of the Constables of Glo- War-  
cester Greeting. In his Majesties to of

You are required to convene the Inhabitants  
of Gloucester afores<sup>d</sup> by Law qualified for voting  
at the Old Meeting House in said Town on  
Monday the Seventh of July Current at nine  
of the Clock in the Forenoon and give them  
Notice to choose a Constable or accept one  
in the Room of him that was last chosen  
and has refused to serve and make timely  
Return of this Warrant with your Do-  
ings thereon Dated at Gloucester July 4<sup>th</sup>  
1735 By Order of the Select Men

Daniel Witham Town Cler

The Inhabitants of this Town are Return  
notified to meet together as is required  
in this Warrant Gloucester July 7.  
1735 By John Hadley Constable

Pursuants to which Warning

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Meeting  
Town of Gloucester qualified by Law to vote  
met on 7<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1735 & chose  
Mr James Davis jun<sup>r</sup> Moderator  
John Hadley to tell of Votes of the Meeting  
Philemon Warner } to Serve on the Jury  
Joseph Davis & } of Tryalls at the next  
Caleb Pool } Inferior Court to be hol-  
den at Salem the second Tuesday of this  
Instant July.

Whereas Thomas Riggs jun<sup>r</sup> had given under  
his Hand that he will Serve as Constable  
in the Room of Samuel Gott jun<sup>r</sup> if he be  
Accepted by the Town

Voted Nemine Contradicente to accept  
the said Thomas Riggs to Serve in the Office  
of Constable in the Room of the said Sam.  
Gott.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified to vote in  
Town Affairs are notified and warned to assemble &  
meet together at Old Meeting House in said Town  
on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of October Current at  
nine of the Clock in the Forenoon in Order to hear  
and act upon the Report of a Committee chosen to  
proportion the School to the Several Parts of  
Town; To hear and act upon any Petitions that  
are or may be offered relating to the School; and  
to determine the Time and Place When And  
Where the School Shall be kept or any other  
Matter concerning the School Gloucester October  
10<sup>th</sup> 1735 By Order of the Select Men

Daniel Witham Town Cler



## Records of the Town of Gloucester. 1735

Meeting At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitant  
of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified to vote on 4  
twenty first day of October 1735 According to a be-  
fore written Warranting Mr James Sayward Moderator  
Toll Votes. Messrs Jonathan Pool Joseph Witham & Morrie Millet  
were Chosen to tell of Votes of Meeting.

Report we not accepted as it is. The Question was put Whether the Report of a  
Committee chosen to proportion the School to the severall  
Parts of the Town be accepted as it is and it past in  
the Negative.

Petition to & Generall Court of the Province  
relating to the forty Pounds which our Town is Taxed  
in the Province Tax more than our usual Proportion,  
be sent to the Generall Court Remine Contradictente

Meeting adjourned Voted that this Meeting should be adjourned to  
Tuesday 4 fourth of November next at ten of the  
Clock in the Forenoon

Meeting by Adjournment Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1735

Voted to reconsider the Vote which rejected the  
Report of a Committee concerning removing the  
School on 21 of October last past

Voted that the Report of a Committee aforesaid  
should be amended

Voted That the Report of the Committee aforesaid  
Which runs in the following Terms viz

Report Wee the Subscribers being chose a Committee to pro-  
portion the School according to the Votes of the Town  
at a Town Meeting in June 17. 1734 Have pro-  
portioned the School as followeth viz (1) In the  
Harbour (2) On the Westward of the Cut (3) In  
the Middle of the Town (4) In the Westerly Precinct  
(5) At Squam (6) At the Cape (7) At the Head  
of the Harbour

Note The Harbour Squadron to be from  
Row's Hill to the middle Bridge so called from  
thence to the Cut. On The Westward of the Cut  
untill We come to the Precinct Line. The

Precinct to be as it is. The Town from  
the aforesaid Bridge to the Cut, so to Squam Parish  
Line from thence to the House that was Mr  
Smallman's including all the Inhabitants on 4  
Easterly side of the Way that leads to Squam from  
thence to 4 Great Swamp, from thence to the  
Bridge fore mentioned. Squam Parish to be  
as it is. For the Cape From Squam Parish  
Line by the Easterly End of the Wood Lots to Mr.  
William Tarrs House, from thence to the Cape  
Hedge so called all to 4 Easterly of this Line.

For the Eastern Point Beginning at the Cape  
Hedge to 4 Eastern End of the great Pond, from thence  
to Smallmans House fore mentioned, from thence  
to Row's Hill So down to the Top of eastern  
Point; Each Part to have their Proportion of  
Time in the School According as they pay to the  
Town Rate. Gloucester March 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1734/5

accepted with  
Addition or  
Amendment

James Sayward

Thomas Witham

John Parsons

Jacob Haskell

Jonathan Pool

Benjamin Patee

Committee

be accepted with this Addition or Amendment  
viz

¶ *Viz* That Each Squadron or Division <sup>Amend</sup> provide a convenient School House or Place for the Master to keep School in, free for all the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town. And in Case any Division shall neglect to provide an House or Place for the School to be kept in as aforesaid the Division so neglecting shall lose their Turn, and the School shall go on to the next Division. And the School Circulate or go round to Each Division as aforesaid in the Space of Three Years.

Voted that the Town will now Order y<sup>e</sup> Place or Division at which the School shall begin to circulate or go round.

Voted that the School begin to circulate in the westerly Parish or Precincts. <sup>School to begin its Circuit on West Parish</sup>

Voted that the Select Men determine what Select Order the School shall circulate in, and how Men to long Each Division is to have the School with over it them according to the Proportion they pay to. Hence the Town Rate. Attest Dan. Witham Cler

Pursuant to a Notification dated Dec<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1735 Signed Joseph Herrick Contra Meeting  
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester legally qualified to Vote at Town Meetings met on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 23 Day of December 1735. and chose y<sup>e</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Witham Moderator. <sup>mod:</sup>

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Josiah Jagersell and Jonathan Pool Grand Jurors to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury;

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jedidiah Davis, John Stevens, Petty and Abraham Davis to serve on the Jury Jurors of Tryalls at the next inferior Court and generally Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Salem within and for y<sup>e</sup> County of Essex on the last Tuesday of December Current. Attest  
Daniel Witham Cler

At a legall Meeting of the Inhabitants Meeting of the Town of Gloucester qualified to Vote on Tuesday the Second Day of March 1735 y<sup>e</sup> called by the following Notification

*Viz* The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs are hereby notified and Warned to assemble and meet together at the Old Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the Second Day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon in Order to choose Town Officers for the Year ensuing and To give Directions concerning the Towns Land now in the Hands of Samuel Hadlock. Glouc<sup>r</sup> February 4<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1735 y<sup>e</sup>  
By Order of the Select Men

Daniel Witham Town Cler



Mod<sup>r</sup>: M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Witham was chosen Moderator.  
 Tell Vots Ebenezer Collins Zerubabel Allen and Joseph  
 Taxbox were chosen to tell the Votes  
 Conf<sup>ly</sup>: Joseph Edward Nathaniel Wharf and Josiah  
 Haspel were chosen Constables  
 Clerk Daniel Witham was chosen Town Clerk & Sworn  
 Select<sup>r</sup> Daniel Witham Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> and Edmund  
 men Grover John Roberts and James Davis jun<sup>r</sup>  
 were chosen Select Men  
 Treas<sup>r</sup>: Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurers  
 Lieut Thomas Allen Joseph Allen jun<sup>r</sup> James  
 Survey<sup>r</sup> Parsons William Tarr Philemon Warner jun<sup>r</sup>  
 of high Samuel Pierce David Stanwood John Millett  
 wayes Isaac Eveleth jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Riggs George  
 Dennison Teddiah Davis and Samuel Gott jun<sup>r</sup>  
 were chosen Surveyors of high wayes.  
 Tything Williams Ring Nathaniel Sawyers William  
 men Stevens & William Norwood were chosen Tything Men  
 Fence Viewers Symonds Low Eschiel Day and Zerubabel  
 Allen were chosen Fence Viewers.  
 Sealers Nymphas Stacy Ebenezer Collins and Daniel  
 of leather Haspell Sealers of Leather.  
 Survey<sup>r</sup> of Nymphas Stacy Surveyor of Hamp<sup>r</sup> & Flax.  
 James Witham John Stevens Joseph Allen jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Sealer of and David Stanwood Sealers of wood.  
 Meas<sup>r</sup>: Salt Peter Doliver Measurer of Salt.  
 S<sup>r</sup>illage Voted that the S<sup>r</sup>ime should govt Large  
 Hogreovers John Low Ebenezer Witham Eliezer Parsons  
 Nymphas Stacy Jonathan Trask & Joseph Win-  
 flow were chosen Hogreovers.  
 Meeting Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to  
 dojourned, Tuesday the ninth Currant at three of the Clock in  
 the Afternoon. Attest  
 Daniel Witham Cer

Meet<sup>r</sup> again. Concerning the above written Votes  
 The Inhabitants &c met again and the Moderator  
 being absent they chose  
 Mod<sup>r</sup>: Mr Symonds Low Moderator of the Meeting.  
 Tell Vots And Mr Lemon Parsons to tell Votes.  
 Survey<sup>r</sup> in the Room of one of the Surveyors that was absent a Surveyor of high wayes  
 Constable Mr James Stanwood  
 in Jabez Baker Constable in the Room  
 of Joseph Edward who refused and paid his  
 fine to the Treasurer  
 Voted to accept of Thomas Riggs Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 (who was hired by Nathaniel Wharf and de-  
 clared in the Meeting that if they would accept  
 of him that he would serve) as Constable  
 in Jafors Wharf's Room  
 Hogreovers They chose George Dennison Hogreover.  
 Attest Daniel Witham Cer

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
 Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified by  
 Law to vote, <sup>1735</sup> called by following Notification  
 viz "The Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
 of the Town of Gloucester qualified by Law to vote are  
 notified and warned to Assemble and meet at the  
 Court Meeting House in said Town on Thursday the  
 25<sup>th</sup> Day of March Currant at Nine of the  
 forenoon

" From on to choofe a Conftable or any other  
 " Town Officer that may be wanting and to give  
 " Directions to the Select Men concerning the School-  
 " mester the Major Part of the western Parifh having  
 " refufed to accept of him according to the laft Vote  
 " of the Town concerning the School. Glouc. March  
 " 17<sup>th</sup> 1735. By Order of the Select Men Daniel Witham Sec.  
 Mr James Saywood was chofen Moderator. Mod. nat.  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ebenezer Collins Ebenezer Witham and Ze-  
 nababel Allen were chofen to tell of Votes.  
 Ebenezer Pulcifer was chofen Conftable  
 Voted to Allow Stephen Robinson twenty four  
 Shillings for his Trouble in Sweeping the Meeting Houfe  
 for ringing the Bell on Town Meeting Days for on  
 was in Answer to a Petition which he offered.  
 The following Persons viz Timothy Day jun<sup>r</sup>  
 John Riggs Ebenezer Haskell John Roberts  
 James Goodfry John Day jun<sup>r</sup> & William Staffell  
 the third entered a Protest againft the laft Vote for-  
 that the Notification mentioned nothing relating to that  
 matter.  
 Joseph Harraden was chofen Tything Man.  
 Atteft Daniel Witham Sec

At a legall Meeting of the Freeholders and  
 other qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester  
 May y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1736 According to Notification signed  
 Thomas Riggs Conftable. To choofe Jurors  
 Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Davis jun<sup>r</sup> & Thomas Riggs Grand Jurors  
 were chofen to ferve on the Grand Jury and  
 and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jedidiah Davis Jacob  
 Haskell and David Stanwood were chofen Petty  
 to ferve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Jurors  
 Superior Court to be holden at Ipswich chosen  
 within & for the County of Essex on the  
 fecond Tuesday of May current.  
 Atteft Daniel Witham Sec

At a legall Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
 Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qua-  
 lified for Voting called by the following Notifi-  
 cation viz: " Upon the Freeholders and  
 " other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified  
 " to vote are notified to Assemble and convene  
 " at the old Meeting Houfe in faid Town on Tuesday  
 " the Eleventh Day of May next at Ten of y<sup>e</sup>  
 " Clock in the forenoon To choofe a Conftable  
 " or any other Town Officer that may be wanting  
 " To grant a Town Rate to defray the neceffary  
 " Charges of y<sup>e</sup> Year enfueing; And To choofe  
 " One or more Suitable Perfons to represent  
 them.



" them in the Great & Generall Court or Assem-  
 "bly to be holden at Boston on y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of May  
 " next Gloucester April y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1736 73y Order  
 " of the Select Men Daniel Witham Cler.

Moder: Mr William Parsons Moderator  
 Tell Votes Henry Witham Stephen Somes and John Stevens  
 were chosen to tell y<sup>e</sup> Votes off y<sup>e</sup> Meeting.

250 L  
 Rate granted. Voted that a Rate of two hundred and  
 fifty Pounds be levied upon y<sup>e</sup> Polls & Estates in  
 this Town to defray y<sup>e</sup> necessary Charges of  
 the Year ensuing

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to four  
 of the Clock in the Afternoon & being met again

Representative  
 chosen They chose Mr James Sayward and he  
 refusing, they chose Mr William Haskell to  
 represent them in the Great & Generall Court  
 to be holden at Boston y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of May current  
 Attest Daniel Witham Cler.

Meeting At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhab-  
 itants of the Town of Gloucester qualified to vote in  
 Town Affairs on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June  
 1736 for Choosing Jury Men to serve at y<sup>e</sup> next  
 Inferior to be holden at Salem within & for y<sup>e</sup> County  
 of Essex on y<sup>e</sup> second Tuesday of July next.  
 warned by a Notification Signed Josiah Haskell Constable

Moder: Capt Isaac Eveleth Moderator. Mess:  
 Daniel Parsons James Parsons and  
 William Ellery were chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup>  
 Jury of Trials at y<sup>e</sup> next Inferior Court to be  
 holden at Salem on y<sup>e</sup> second Tuesday of July next.  
 Attest Dan. Witham Cler

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
 Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
 on y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of September 1736 warned by the  
 following Notification viz

" Essex s<sup>r</sup>. The Freeholders and other Inha:  
 " bitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified by Law for  
 " Voting are hereby notified & warned to assemble &  
 " meet together at the sd Meeting House in said  
 " Town on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> twenty second Day of  
 " September current at one of the Clock in the  
 " Afternoon to choose a Constable in the Room of  
 " Thomas Riggs jun<sup>r</sup> Dec: and To know  
 " whether the Town will give up l<sup>y</sup> v. Children of  
 " Richard Sarr dec: (or Such of them as Shall desire  
 " it) all the Towns Right in the Land granted  
 " to y<sup>e</sup> said Richard Sarr on Account of his  
 " keeping Arthur L. Cunniff provided the said  
 " Children serve

"Children fence the Town from any Charge to  
 "provide for their Mother Elizabeth widow of  
 "the said Deceased. Dated at Gloucester September  
 "13<sup>th</sup> 1736 by Order of the Select Men  
 "Daniel Witham Town Cler"

Mr James Davis jun<sup>r</sup> Moderator Mod:  
 James Parsons Thomas Cannaby and Tell Voley  
 Benjamin Tarr were chosen to tell Votes  
 Aaron Riggs was chosen Constable. Constable

Voted that the Town will and do give up to Witham Vote  
 and Caleb Tarr & Benjamin Tarr and the Rest of  
 the Children of Richard Tarr dec: or so many of abt of  
 them as will give Bond to fence the Town as be- Land  
 low All the Town's Right in the Land granted to  
 said Richard Tarr upon the Account of his given  
 keeping Arthur Churchill as appears by one to Rich  
 Record dated Nov: 20<sup>th</sup> 1701. upon their giving Tarr  
 Bond to of Value of five hundred Pounds to of fur keep  
 Town Treasurer to fence the Town from any as bound  
 Charge in Providing for Elizabeth their Mother  
 & Widow of the said Deceased. Attest  
 Daniel Witham Town Cler

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhab:  
 itants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Jury  
 voting on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Day of December 1736 men  
 Lieut: Thomas Allen Moderator  
 Capt Nathaniel Ellery & Mr William Haffell jun<sup>r</sup> chosen  
 were chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury, &  
 Mr William Young David Stainwood jun<sup>r</sup>  
 and John Babson jun<sup>r</sup> to serve on the Jury of  
 Tryalls at y<sup>e</sup> next Inferior Court to be holden at  
 Salem on y<sup>e</sup> next Tuesday of December current.  
 Attest Daniel Witham Cler

At an Anniversary Town Meeting in Glo:  
 cester on y<sup>e</sup> Eighth Day of March 1736 called  
 by the following Notification viz<sup>t</sup>  
 "Open so The Freeholders and other Inhabit:  
 "tants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified  
 "for Voting are hereby notified and warned to as-  
 "semble & meet together at the old Meeting House  
 "in said Town on Tuesday the Eighth Day of  
 "March next, at nine of the Clock in the Morning  
 "To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year  
 "to know whether the Town will shut up the Lane  
 "or let them go at large the ensuing year and to  
 "know whether the Town will give the Select Men  
 "Orders to make Ryd Lane.  
 "at Gloucester Feb<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1736.  
 Joseph Allen }  
 John Roberts } Select  
 James Davis } Men  
 Edmund Grover }



Mod.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Isaac Eveleth Moderator  
 members John Stevens David Stanwood Jun<sup>r</sup> & Ebenezer  
 Witham were chosen to tell & vote off Meeting.  
 Enstables W<sup>m</sup>. John Stevens Daniel Haskell and Joshua  
 Tool were chosen Constables.  
 Clerk Daniel Witham was chosen Town Clerk  
 Select Men Mess<sup>rs</sup> Edmund Grover John Sargent Daniel With-  
 am John Roberts & James Davis Jun<sup>r</sup> were  
 chosen Select Men.  
 Treas<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup>. was chosen Town Treasurer.  
 Survey<sup>r</sup> of high Ways Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Sawyer, Caleb Tarr Abraham  
 Davis Capt Nathaniel Ellery Ezekiel Day  
 Josiah Lane Joseph Harraden the third Cap<sup>t</sup>.  
 Isaac Eveleth & Samuel Horrick Jun<sup>r</sup> were  
 chosen Survey<sup>rs</sup> of high Ways.  
 Ensting Men Mess<sup>rs</sup> Symonds Low Lieut Thomas Allen  
 Ebenezer Day and Joseph Thurston were chosen  
 Ensting Men.  
 Sealers of Leather Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Hookkins Jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Collins &  
 Daniel Haskell were chosen Sealers of leather.  
 Pence View<sup>rs</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ebenezer Parsons Symonds Low and E-  
 zekiel Day were chosen Pence Viewers.  
 Survey<sup>r</sup> of Highways M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Collins was chosen Surveyor of Highways  
 Hogreaves M<sup>r</sup> Erubell Allen Jeremiah Parsons Joseph Day  
 Thomas York James Parsons & Ebenezer Tar-  
 box were chosen Hogreaves.  
 Sealers of Wood M<sup>r</sup> Philemon Wanner Jun<sup>r</sup> & Joseph Allen Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 were chosen Sealers of Wood.  
 Meas<sup>r</sup> of Salt M<sup>r</sup> Peter Doliver was chosen Measur<sup>r</sup> of Salt.  
 Constable Voted that a Swine shall go at large  
 Voted nemine contradicente that if Constable shall  
 have twelve Pence upon y<sup>e</sup> Pound for gathering of  
 Rates the Ensuing Year.  
 The Riggs Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Riggs be accepted to serve  
 in the Office of Constable in the Room of both  
 John Stevens & Joshua Tool who had each of them  
 hired him so to do, And said Riggs was forthwith  
 sworn to the faithful Discharge of y<sup>e</sup> said Office.  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Doliver praying  
 for six Pounds and the Clothes of George Philips dec<sup>d</sup>.  
 for keeping the said Philips in his Life Time, be  
 granted provided the said Doliver accept of the  
 said Clothes & the said six Pounds in full of all  
 Demands upon Account of the said Philips.  
 Voted that the Select Men have Liberty to make  
 By-Laws for the good of the Town.

Meeting At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
 Inhabitants of Town of Groverston qualified for  
 Voting on y<sup>e</sup> 3 Day of May 1737. Called by  
 the Constable for Chusing Jury Men M<sup>r</sup> And Robin-  
 son. Mod<sup>r</sup>. Lieut Thomas Allen and Ezekiel Day were  
 chosen to serve on the Grand Jury at y<sup>e</sup> next  
 Superior Court to holden at Ipswich AND  
 Voted that a List of Persons reported by the Select  
 Men fit to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Petty Jury should be al-  
 lowed. which List is on file and then Another  
 List being drawn & each Name Separated they  
 were put into a Box and

Josiah Lane Joseph Harraden the third <sup>Deputy</sup>  
 And Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> were drawn As <sup>Jury</sup>  
 the Law directs to serve on a Jury of Trials <sup>chaffer</sup>  
 at & near Superior Court & to be holden at  
 Ipswich &c. M<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Witham Es<sup>r</sup>

Epex p<sup>r</sup>. The Free holders and other <sup>Not</sup>  
 Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester legally qua- <sup>lication</sup>  
 -lified for Voting are hereby notified and  
 warned to assemble and meet together at y<sup>e</sup> Old  
 Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Day of May Current at twelve of y<sup>e</sup> Clock on  
 said Day to chuse and depule one or more  
 Free holders and resident in said Town - to  
 serve for and represent them in the great  
 and Generall or Assembly to be holden at  
 y<sup>e</sup> Court House in Boston y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 May Current: To grant a Town Rate for  
 defraying the necessary Charges of y<sup>e</sup> Town;  
 To confirm any high Ways laid out by y<sup>e</sup>  
 Select Men: and To continue any better Me-  
 -thod to manage y<sup>e</sup> Poor of y<sup>e</sup> Town and give  
 the Select Men Orders concerning them

Gloucester May y<sup>e</sup> 3 1737. By order of y<sup>e</sup>

Select Men Daniel Witham Towns<sup>r</sup>

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and <sup>Meeting</sup>  
 other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester legally  
 qualified for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1737  
 according to y<sup>e</sup> foregoing Notification

Mr William Haskell Moderator. <sup>Mod<sup>r</sup>ation</sup>

Joseph Allen Es<sup>r</sup>: was chosen Representative <sup>Representa-  
tive</sup>  
 to serve at y<sup>e</sup> next Generall Court &c.

Voted that a high Way from y<sup>e</sup> Back Side  
 of Philemon Warner Jun<sup>r</sup> & W<sup>m</sup> to a Stake <sup>High Way</sup>  
 about 40 Yards from W<sup>m</sup> John Princes House in <sup>called</sup>  
 said Prince's Ground and thence so y<sup>e</sup> northerly <sup>Com hills</sup>  
 Side of a great Rock in Land In Possession  
 of Isaac Prince and thence on a Strait Line to y<sup>e</sup> <sup>Streets</sup>  
 high Way from y<sup>e</sup> Meet<sup>r</sup> into y<sup>e</sup> Harbour This <sup>confirmed</sup>  
 Line to be the southerly Side of y<sup>e</sup> said Way and  
 said Way to be thirty feet wide thro<sup>u</sup> out, as y<sup>e</sup>  
 said high Way is given by Phil: Warner Jun<sup>r</sup> &  
 others owners of y<sup>e</sup> said Lands by their Deed  
 Dated y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1736. be confirmed <sup>proviso.</sup>  
 provided the Donours of y<sup>e</sup> said Land fully

execute their aforesaid Deed of y<sup>e</sup> Lands contained  
 in y<sup>e</sup> said high Way. Said Way was laid out by  
 John Sargent James Davis Jun<sup>r</sup> & D<sup>r</sup> William  
 Select Men on y<sup>e</sup> 16 Day of May 1737. —

Voted that a Rate or Tax amounting <sup>Rate</sup>  
 to two hundred and fifty Pounds be levied on <sup>250 L</sup>  
 the Polls and Estates in Town to defray the necessary <sup>granted</sup>  
 -ry Charges of y<sup>e</sup> Town.

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Petition of Joseph Gardner's <sup>Gardner</sup>  
 Petition for some further Allowance for keeping <sup>Petition</sup>  
 John Elwell deceased be referred to y<sup>e</sup> Select  
 Men.



Meeting

Mod.

Elected  
jurorsPetit  
Jury

Chosen

Alla Legall Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Town of Gloucester by Law qualifi-  
ed for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December.

1737

Constable Thomas Riggs Moderator.

Ebenezer Parsons and James Sawyer were  
chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury and  
Capt Isaac Welbth Peter Doliver and  
Samuel Davis were drawn by Sort according  
to y<sup>e</sup> Directions of y<sup>e</sup> Law of this Province to  
serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of Tryalls at y<sup>e</sup> next Inferiour  
Court to be holden at Salem on y<sup>e</sup> last  
Tuesday of December Currant.

Attest Daniel Witham Sec<sup>r</sup>

Meeting

At an Anniversary Meeting of the  
Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting  
on y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Day of March Anno Dom 1737  
called by the following Notification posted up  
as usual viz

Notifi-  
cation

"Opre S. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified  
for Voting in Town Affairs as the Law di-  
rects are hereby notified and warned to as-  
semble and meet together at y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting  
House in said Town on Tuesday the seventh  
Day of March next at nine of the Clock in  
y<sup>e</sup> forenoon To choos<sup>town</sup> Officers for the Ensu-  
ing Year To allow the Select Mens List  
of Jury Men To hear Petitions and act  
on them if they think fit To know  
whether y<sup>e</sup> Town will choos<sup>any</sup> Person  
or Persons to prosecute the Town of Ipswich  
for Breach of Covenant relating to Chebacco  
Bridge so called And To know whether  
the Town will buy a Way from Squam  
Meeting House to Hamden's Point so  
called if it cannot be had without buying  
To confirm any high Way or  
way laid out by y<sup>e</sup> Select Men  
Gloucester Feb: 15<sup>th</sup> 1737 By order of  
the Select Men Daniel Witham Sec<sup>r</sup>

Mod.

Monitors

M<sup>r</sup> William Haskell Moderator

John Row Thomas Allen Jun<sup>r</sup> & Eben<sup>r</sup> Witham  
were chosen to tell the Votes.

Constable  
refused

Capt Daniel Gibbs was chosen Constable &  
refusing & To take y<sup>e</sup> Oath he paid five Pounds  
To y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer whereupon they chose

refused

Nathaniel Sargent Constable who like-  
wise refusing paid his fine five Pounds  
whereupon they chose Joseph Smith Constable  
in his Room

They chose <sup>Mr</sup> Job Lane and <sup>Mr</sup> Nathaniel Millet Constables for <sup>the</sup> northerly & westerly Parts of <sup>the</sup> Town

Messrs Daniel Witham Ebenezer Parsons David Plumer William Haskell & Capt James Davis Junr were chosen Select Men

Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> was chosen Treasurer Treas<sup>r</sup>

Daniel Witham was chosen Town Clerk Clerk

Lieut Thomas Allen Messrs John Sargent John Pool John Stevens Joseph Saywood Capt Isaac Eveleth & Mr William Young were chosen Surveyors of High Ways Sur<sup>ys</sup> of H<sup>gh</sup> W<sup>ays</sup>

Messrs Thomas Allen John Parsons & Philemon Warner Junr were chosen Fence Viewers Fence Viewers

Messrs Sabez Baker Nathaniel Sawyer Ebenezer Haskell & Francis Sargent were chosen Tything Men Tything men

Messrs Jacob Randall Thomas Allen Junr John Stevens John Haskell & Josiah Davis were chosen Hogreovers Hogreovers

Messrs Daniel Haskell Nymphas Stacy & Ebenezer Collins were chosen Seales of Leather Seales

Messrs Philemon Warner Junr and John Hadley were chosen Seales of Wood Seales of Wood

Peter Doliver was chosen Measurer of Salt Meas<sup>r</sup> of Salt

Voted that <sup>the</sup> Constable shall have <sup>the</sup> twelve pence in <sup>the</sup> Pound for gathering <sup>the</sup> Rates the Year Ensuing. 12<sup>d</sup> in <sup>the</sup> Pound for Collect

Voted that the Swine go at large yoked and ringed as <sup>the</sup> Law directs.

The Select Men's List of Persons fit to serve on <sup>the</sup> Petit Jury was accepted. List of Jurors allowed

Voted that Daniel Witham and Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> be chosen to discourse with Mr William Young & others Proprietors (as they say) of <sup>the</sup> Land where the Way is now used from Squam Parish Meeting House to Harradens Point so called & examine their Claims & report to the Meeting upon <sup>the</sup> Adjournment what they can find relating thereto. Com<sup>tee</sup> to discourse w<sup>th</sup> Young & others ab<sup>o</sup> the Way to Harradens Point

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday <sup>the</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of March Lunant at three o'clock in the Afternoon. Meeting adjourned

At the Meeting by Adjournment March 14. 1737<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned

Whereas Joseph Smith refused to serve Constable and left the fine five Pounds in the Hands of Daniel Witham They Chose Nehemiah Grover Constable in <sup>the</sup> Room of Joseph Smith. New Grover chosen Constable



And upon a Motion made and Seconded and  
 Recorded in Consideration that if said Nehemiah Grover  
 doth not appear to be a Freeholder Voted  
 that the Vote for choosing the said Nehemiah  
 Grover to the Office of Constable be reconsidered  
 Whereupon they proceeded and chose Solomon  
 Parsons Constable who declared his Refusal  
 to take the Oath Whereupon they

proceeded and chose Capt John Prince  
 Constable Who declared in the Meeting that  
 he would not take the Oath whereupon

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned  
 to Tuesday the twenty first Current at  
 nine o'f Clock in the forenoon

At the same Meeting of the Freeholders &  
 other Inhabitants qualified for Voting by Adjourn-  
 ment March ye 21: 1737/8 Two of

The Deacons appointed to tell the Votes being  
 absent Nath: Millet and Nicholas Kuetwilt  
 were chosen in their Room

Nathaniel Millet appearing and pleading  
 that he is obliged to maintain his aged Mother  
 in Law the Widow Sarah Davis

Voted that the said Nathaniel Millet be  
 forever discharged from serving in the Office of  
 Constable in this Town provided he sufficiently  
 secure the Town from any Charge that may arise  
 on Account of said Sarah Davis whilst she  
 lives & at her Death.

A Motion being made to reconsider the Vote  
 choosing Solomon Parsons Constable it pass in the  
 Negative.

Voted that the Vote choosing Capt John Prince  
 Constable be reconsidered.

Mr Jonathan Riggs was Chosen Constable of  
 the Westerly Ward in a Room of Nathaniel  
 Millet who was dismissed as above

Voted that Mr John Sargent be accepted to  
 serve Constable in the Room of Solomon Par-  
 sons who has hired him and that he be allowed  
 four Pounds out of the Treasury for that Service  
 Voted that said John Sargent be allowed  
 eight Pounds out of the Treasury for serving  
 Constable in the northerly Ward. and said  
 John Sargent was immediately sworn by Mr  
 Justice Allen.

Voted that if Constable in the Westerly Ward  
 be allowed forty Shillings besides 12 Pence in  
 the Pound for gathering Rates this Year

Voted that Daniel Haskell be accepted  
 to serve Constable in the Room of Jonathan  
 Riggs who has hired him.

Voted that In Answer to a Petition signed  
 John Roberts William Haskell in Behalf  
 of.

of the western Parish That the Inhabitants  
of the western Parish may draw out of the Treas-  
-ury annually that Proportion of Money Which  
they pay toward the Support of a Grammar School  
in this Town for five years next Enſuing the fiſt  
Day of December next provided the ſaid Inhabitants  
maintain a Grammar School amongst themſelves  
during the Term of three Months every Year.

West  
Preen  
to draw  
up Pro  
portion  
of  
School  
money  
etc

Whereas there has been ſome Controverſy be-  
tween the Proprietors of the Land between the Meet-  
-ing Houſe at Anna Quam & Haradens Point  
ſo called about a Way from ſaid Meeting Houſe to  
ſaid Point and Whereas Meſſ<sup>rs</sup> William Young  
Joſeph Davis Thomas York & George Dennison the  
principall Proprietors of ſaid Lands have declared  
themſelves willing to leave the ſaid Controverſy to  
be decided by three Perſons to be mutually choſen  
by ſaid Proprietors & the Town:

Voted the whole of the ſaid Controverſy and all  
matters depending thereon be referred and left to  
be decided by John Higginſon Eſquire of ſalem  
Meſ<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Norton and William Giddings  
of Ippſwich To which the ſaid Meſ<sup>rs</sup> York  
Davis and other Proprietors of ſaid Lands in  
Controverſy agreed who were preſent agreed.

Contro  
verſy  
about  
a way  
from  
Denn  
down  
Point  
referred  
to Arbit  
rators

Voted that Joſeph Allen Eſq. & Daniel  
Witham be empowered fully to act & manage  
in the Affair relating to the ſaid Way, the Contro-  
-verſy about it & the Reference thereof to ſaid  
aforesaid Arbitrators in the Towns Behalf.

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In Answer to the Petition of Cap<sup>t</sup> Gibbs  
Voted that forty foot front of flatts lying  
between the Wharfe which Mr Philemon Horner  
Jun<sup>r</sup> has in Part built & the Place where Mr  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Ellery uſed to make fiſh on & northwaſtly  
ſide of Stage neck ſo called be granted to ſaid  
Daniel Gibbs provided he build a Wharfe there  
-on within three years from y<sup>e</sup> Date hereof.

Flatts  
granted  
to Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Gibbs

In Answer to the Petition of Ezekiel  
Woodward Jun<sup>r</sup>:  
Voted that fifty or ſixty feet <sup>front</sup> of flatts lying  
where Mr Nathaniel Ellery uſed to waſh out his  
fiſh on Stage neck ſo called be granted to ſaid  
Ezekiel Woodward Jun<sup>r</sup>: provided he improve the  
ſaid flatts by Building a Wharf thereon within  
three years from y<sup>e</sup> Date hereof.

front  
of  
Ez.  
Wood  
ward  
Jun<sup>r</sup>

In Answer to the Petition of Ebenezer and  
Jacob Parſons  
Voted that ſixty feet  
front on y<sup>e</sup> Water of flatts be granted to ſaid  
Petitioners If it can be ſpared between the Place  
where Mr Nathaniel Ellery uſed to waſh his fiſh  
out on y<sup>e</sup> northwaſtly ſide of Stage Neck ſo called &  
the

To  
Ebene  
Jun<sup>r</sup>  
co  
the



The Wharf which Mr. Philemon Warner Jun<sup>r</sup> has in part built provided they build a Wharf thereon within three years from the Date hereof.

*Comtee to lay out said Rates*  
Voted that Messrs William Parsons Nathaniel Elery & Thomas Atten be a Committee to lay out the flats granted this Day the Granters paying them for it.

*Sam<sup>l</sup> Hoaglin Jun<sup>r</sup> 328*  
Voted that there be allowed thirty Shillings to Samuel Hoaglin Jun<sup>r</sup> in Consideration that he has cut six pence in the Pound for gathering Rates, When he was Constable of the Land between of Cull & the Gate by Josiah Parsons & Hoaglin that adjoins to it. <sup>all the way proposed</sup> & Whoever shall take in any of the Land be accounted Trespassers on the high Way

met At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting on the nineteenth Day of May 1738. Called by the Notification following

*Notific<sup>n</sup> Epex<sup>st</sup>*  
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified by his Majesty's Charter for Voting in the Choice of Representatives & legally qualified for Voting in other Town Affairs are notified and warned to assemble and meet at the old Meeting House in said Town on Friday the nineteenth Day of May current at twelve of the Clock at noon To choose and Depute one or more meet Persons to represent Them in the great & generall Court or Assembly to be holden for his Majesties Service at the Court House in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current; To know whether the Town will allow any Gate or Gates to be set up across any of the high Ways in the said Town; To grant a Town Rate for Defraying the necessary Charges of the Town the Year current; To choose any Officer or Officers that may be wanting. Voted at Gloucester the 18th Day of May 1738 James Davis David Phillips Daniel Wilham Esq<sup>r</sup> Parsons Select Men

*Reg<sup>d</sup> Corp<sup>s</sup> J<sup>rs</sup>*  
Andrew Robinsoe was Chosen to represent the Town in the great & Generall Court. Mr Ebenezer Parsons was chosen Moderator. Edmund Grover Jun<sup>r</sup> John Row and Jeremiah Parsons were chosen To tell the Votes off meeting. Voted that the first Parish in this Town have Liberty to set up a Gate across the high Way near the house of Mr Jeffery Parsons during the Town's Pleasure.

Voted that Jeffery Parsons Jeremiah  
Parsons Edm<sup>d</sup>, Grover Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Allen  
Jun<sup>r</sup> John Row Joseph Witham and  
Capt John Prince have Liberty to set up a Gate  
in some proper place across the  
high Way that leads from the Head of the  
Harbour To Little good Harbour River so  
called for and During the Pleasure of Town.

Called for and During the day of  
Voted that the Select Men Examine & Adjust the Town Treasurers Account & report thereon to this Meeting upon the Adjournment.

Adjournment.  
Voted that the Meeting be adjourned <sup>meeting</sup>  
To thors day the first Day of June next adjourn  
at four of the Clock in the After noon.

At a meeting of the ... and other ...  
... of the ...  
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...  
... 1788.

The 1st Lt. Wm. G. B. Brown, that he  
 assigned himself with Joseph Allen Esq. as an  
 Pioneer, and that in doing his Hands on by firing Point  
 one Ball. & ten pence in cash and outpacing select  
 in Marshall's stable's hand the shot of three  
 hundred & twenty one Pound. 8. 1/2 pence  
 a fair Pension exclusive of a Treasurer Alabama  
 for Pension & that Officer, Whereupon



Act p. Gloucester Decemb<sup>r</sup> 21 1738  
I have Warned the within named Inhabitants to  
meet together at Time and Place within named  
by setting up Warnings dated the seventh of this m<sup>o</sup>  
= Hunt month at their Meeting Houses in the usual  
Place of Warnings for y<sup>e</sup> Purpose within mentioned  
Daniel Staskell Constable

A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabi-  
tants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester legally qualified for  
Voting in Town Affairs on y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Day of December  
1738. Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Eveleth Moderator

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ebenezer Collins Philemon Warner Jun<sup>r</sup> & Nym:  
= Mess<sup>rs</sup> Stacy were chosen to tell y<sup>e</sup> Vote of the Meeting  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Benjamin Wheeler & Ezekiel Woodward  
were chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Philemon Warner Jun<sup>r</sup> George Dennison and  
Paul Doliver were chosen according to the Direction  
of the Law to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of Tryalls at the next  
Inferior Court to be holden at Salem on y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
of this Instant December.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Eveleth Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Dennison  
Ebenezer Parsons Daniel Witham & Ebenezer  
Collins were chosen to draw up Reasons In the  
Towns Name & Behalf Why the Prayer of the  
Petition of Capt Nathaniel Coit & others as entered  
in Council Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> & in the House of Repre-  
sentatives Dec<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1738 When of a Copy was  
read at y<sup>e</sup> Meeting Should not be granted

Cap<sup>t</sup> Andred Robinson was chosen Agent  
for the Town to wait upon the honorable Court  
with Reasons Why the Prayer of the Petition of Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Nathaniel Coit & others as entered in Council  
Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> & in y<sup>e</sup> House of Representatives Dec<sup>r</sup>  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1738 Should not be granted

Voted that ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ If the Reasons  
against y<sup>e</sup> granting the Petition of Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>  
Coit & others as entered above be not sufficient to  
cause y<sup>e</sup> same Petition to be rejected Then the  
Town do join with the Petitioners that the  
Court would please to send down a Committee at y<sup>e</sup>  
Town's Exp<sup>se</sup> & Charge to take a view of the  
Town & Consider the Subject Matter of y<sup>e</sup> said

Petition Daniel Witham Res  
Attest

Man for a Meeting  
Epica p. To either of the Constables of y<sup>e</sup>  
Town of Gloucester in y<sup>e</sup> County Greeting.  
You are required in his Majesties Name  
to notify and warn the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of this Town legally qualified to  
vote in Town Affairs that they assemble &  
meet together at y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting House in  
said Town on Tuesday the Sixth Day of  
March next <sup>ensuing the Date hereof</sup> at nine of y<sup>e</sup> clock in the  
Forenoon to choose Officers for y<sup>e</sup> Town for  
the Ensuing Year as the law directs  
as also

— as also to choose a Committee to settle ac-  
 counts with the Trustees of the Sixty  
 Thousand Pound Loan; To let out the Neck  
 catted Stage neck or Impower a Committee  
 to let it out for y<sup>e</sup> Towns Use; as also  
 to find out Some Easier Way to Support  
 the poor of this Town Gloucester Feb:<sup>y</sup>  
 13<sup>th</sup> 1738/9 William Haskell  
 Ebenezer Parsons

Daniel Witham David Plumer  
 Select Men of Gloucester

Essex Co. Gloucester March 6<sup>th</sup> 1738/9  
 Pursuant to this Warrant I have warned  
 the Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
 of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester legally qualified  
 for Voting to assemble at y<sup>e</sup> Time and  
 Place & for the Purposes herein mentio-  
 ned by setting up Notifications on y<sup>e</sup>  
 Doors of the Meeting Houses in this Town  
 John Sargent Constable

return  
 upon  
 the  
 Warrant

At a Meeting of the Freeholders  
 and other Inhabitants of the Town of Glouces-  
 ter legally qualified for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Day of March A.D. 1738/9

Capt. Andrew Robinson Moderator  
 Joshua Riggs Ebenezer Collins and John  
 Row were chosen to Tell the Votes of y<sup>e</sup> Meet-  
 ing Nehemiah Adams Capt. William Ellery &  
 Samuel Herrick Jun: were chosen Constables

Moderator  
 Tell Votes  
 Constables

Nehemiah Adams refusing to take the  
 Oath of Constable paid his Fine to the Mode-  
 rator and

William Ring was chosen in his Room  
 and being sent for appeared and refused to  
 take the Oath of Constable

Capt. William Ellery being Warned by y<sup>e</sup>  
 Constable to come & take the Oath belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Office  
 of Constable did not appear

Daniel Witham was chosen Town Treasurer

Daniel Witham M<sup>rs</sup>. Ebenezer Parsons  
 Abraham Davis William Haskell & Capt.

James Davis were chosen Select Men

M<sup>rs</sup>. Nymphas Stacy Solomon Parsons

Edmund Grover Jun: Ebenezer Witham &  
 Josiah Ingersoll Pelatiah Day

Mark Davis John Tucker Aaron Riggs  
 & John Roberts were chosen Surveyors

of highway

M<sup>rs</sup>. Daniel Haskell Ebenezer Collins &  
 Nymphas Stacy were chosen Sealers of Leather

Daniel Witham was chosen Clerk

Sealers of  
 Leather  
 Clerk



Jene Viewers Lieut Thomas Allen Zeruababel Allen & Jer-  
 miah Parsons were chosen Jene Viewers  
 Samuel Griffin junr Benjamin Foster  
 Stogreaves Vinson Ellwell Samuel Heidon & Joseph  
 Herrick were chosen Stogreaves  
 Samuel Stevens junr John Row Jeremiah  
 Tything Parsons Samuel Lane Jonathan Riggs &  
 men John Low were chosen Tything Men  
 Capt Nathaniel Ellery Ebenezer Collins  
 Field Drivers John Stevens & Pelatiah Day were chosen  
 Field Drivers or Hewarders

Meeting adjourn  
 to & New  
 Meeting  
 House.  
 Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to  
 the thirteenth current at three o'clock in  
 the afternoon at the New Meeting House.  
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Met.  
 by William  
 ment  
 At a meeting of the Freeholders &  
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester  
 legally qualified for Voting by Adjourn  
 ment March 13<sup>th</sup> 1738

L. Witham  
 Constable.  
 Zebulun Witham was chosen Constable  
 for the Southwold Ward & millery having  
 been chosen to appear upon wages to take & deliver  
 Voted that William Ring be accepted  
 to serve in the Office of Constable notwith-  
 standing his having signed and the by  
 five pounds paid by Nehemiah Adams  
 for not serving in the said Office be given  
 to the p. Ring which was accordingly done  
 and said Ring sworn Constable forthwith.

Voted that the Swine may go at large.  
 Voted that Mr. Treasurer Joseph Allen  
 Esq. be allowed the Land for his Service  
 in that Office that of preceding Treasurers  
 Mr. Nathaniel Ellery had.

Voted that the Select Men be Empow-  
 ered to Lease out of the 9 Neck for 12 in  
 Behalf of the Town & to the Use of the Town for  
 Three years next to such Persons as then  
 appear to hire the same

Voted that the Trustees of the 60000 £  
 Loan proceed forthwith to get in the remain-  
 ing Part of the said Loan due in this Town by  
 all Lawfull Means & pay of same to the  
 Province Treasurer that the Town may be  
 discharged.

Peter Oliver was chosen Measurer of Salt  
 Joseph Witham Timothy Day & Samuel Stevens  
 were chosen Sealers of Wood.

Voted that In Case Zebulun Witham  
will stand Constable <sup>they require</sup> he shall have that  
five pounds given him which Capt. Will-  
iam Ellery shall pay for not serving  
that Office to which he has been Chosen  
Voted that the Meeting be adjourned  
to y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Current at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in  
the Afternoon

Exceps. To either of the Constables of Gloces-  
ter Greeting In his Majesties Name You are  
required to notify the Freeholders and other Inha-  
bitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qua-  
lified for Voting that the select Men will draw  
for Jury Men to serve at y<sup>e</sup> next Superior  
Court at y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting House In said Town  
on Thursday y<sup>e</sup> third Day of May next at  
two of the Clock In the Afternoon & to  
notify them likewise to appear at y<sup>e</sup> same  
Time and Place to choose a Constable or  
any other Town Officer that may be wanting  
and Make Timely Return of your Doings  
hereon Dated at Gloucester April y<sup>e</sup> 23. 1739

Daniel Witham Eben Parson, Abraham  
Davis Select Men of Gloucester.

Exceps. Gloucester May 2: 1739 Pursuant  
to this Warrant I have notified the Freeholders  
& other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified  
for Voting to appear at y<sup>e</sup> Time & place here-  
in mentioned & for the Purpose herein mentio-  
ned by setting up a Notification on y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting  
House Door in said Town William Riggs Cns.

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester legally  
qualified for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Day of May  
Anno Dom. 1739

Mr Thomas Allen Moderator

William Haskell 3: was drawn <sup>by Lot</sup> to serve on  
y<sup>e</sup> Petty Jury. &

William Haskell jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen to serve  
on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury at y<sup>e</sup> next Superior Court



to be holden at Ipswich on y<sup>e</sup> second  
Tuesday of May current.

Samuel Sayward was Chosen Constable  
Zebulun Witham having refused to serve  
and paid the fine to The Treasurer

Attest Daniel Witham Cler

Esq<sup>r</sup>. To the Constable of Constables of Gloucester  
Warrant or either of them Greeting  
In his Majesties Name You are re-  
quired to notify and warn the Freeholders &  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally  
qualified for Voting to assemble and meet to-  
geth<sup>r</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> Old Meeting House in said  
Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May  
current at nine of the Clock in the forenoon  
to Elect and depute one or more meet per-  
sons to represent them in the great & Gene-  
rall Court or Assembly to be holden at  
Boston the last Wednesday of May current  
to grant a Rate for Defraying the necessa-  
ry Charges arisen already & arising in y<sup>e</sup>  
Town in the Year current; To choose a Constable  
or any other Town Officer that may be want-  
ing. To contrive any Method that may  
be agrees on to discharge What y<sup>e</sup> Town  
owes the Province on Account of y<sup>e</sup> Sixty  
Thousand pound Loan. Dated at Gloucester  
May y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1739 William Haskell Ebenezer  
Parsons Daniel Witham Chosen Men of

Glocester May y<sup>e</sup> 10. 1739  
By Virtue of this Warrant I have warned  
the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester to meet  
according to Time and Place within mentioned  
"Samuel Herriek Constable"

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting  
on y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May 1739.

Capt Andrew Robinson was chosen to repre-  
sent the Town in the great & generall Court to  
be holden at Boston y<sup>e</sup> last Wednesday of May  
current.

Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator

Aaron Riggs Nicholas Kuetvill & Solomon Parsons were chosen to tell the Voles of Meet.

Voted not to grant a Town Rate at this Meeting

Daniel Smith was chosen Constable. Samuel Sayward having refused to serve & paid the Fine

Voted that if the Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Sixty thous. and Pound Loan will sufficiently secure y<sup>e</sup> Town against the Province Treasurer for what is due from y<sup>e</sup> Town to y<sup>e</sup> Province On account of y<sup>e</sup> said 60 000 £ Loan They the said Trustees shall have the Whole of the Town's Part of y<sup>e</sup> said Loan money. Attest Daniel Witham Cler

Essex. To either of the Constables of "Warr  
Gloucester Greeling In his  
majesties Name you are required to no-  
tify & warn the Freeholders and other Inhabi-  
tants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting  
in Town Affairs to assemble and meet together  
at y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting House in said Town on  
Monday the ninth Day of July next at  
ten of the Clock in the forenoon for y<sup>e</sup>  
following Reasons viz: to grant a Rate  
for Defraying the Charges already arisen  
and arising the Year Current in this Town;  
To choose any Town Officer that may  
be wanting to resolve and determine  
whether there shall be a moving School  
in this Town or not & where the same  
shall be kept To contrive a Method to  
prevent the Stones that ly between Mr  
William Parsons's Land & James Edger-  
ly's land on the Cut Beach from being  
carried away to the prejudice of the high  
Way And make timely Return of your  
Doing hereon Dated at Gloucester June  
25<sup>th</sup> 1739 William Haskell"

James Davy Eben Parsons Abraham Davis Select Men

Essex. Gloucester July 2<sup>th</sup> 1739 Pursuant to  
to this Warrant I have notified the Qualified In-  
habitants of this Town to Assemble at Time &  
for y<sup>e</sup> purposes herein mentioned  
= William Rens Constable



met. At a MEETING of the Freeholders & other  
Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qua-  
lified for Voting on the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1739  
Mr. Capt. James Davis Moderator.

Mr. Debez Baker jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Davis & Josiah  
Davis were chosen to tell the Votes off Meeting

25. Voted that the Sum of two hundred & fifty  
Pounds be granted to be levied on the Polls &  
Estate in this Town for Defraying the ne-  
cessary Charges already arisen & arising in  
this Town the Year Current.

Select  
Mr. to  
the State of the Town Treasury yearly & lay  
the Same before the Town at the Town  
Meeting Where in the Rate for Defraying  
the Town Charges shall be granted.

Daniel Smith having declared that he would  
not serve in the Office of Constable

Constable William Elwell was chosen Constable

School  
to  
remove  
as  
Oct. 21  
1735. Voted that the School shall circulate  
in all the Places in the Town (even the wester-  
ly Parish provided they relinquish their  
Grant of Drawing out of the Treasury their  
Proportion which they pay toward the Grammar  
School & made to them on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of March  
1737/8) As it was ordered at a Town Meeting  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of October 1735 And for  
the same Term of three Years to begin  
when Mr Benjamin White began to keep  
the public Grammar School in this Town

Open for To either of the Constables of Gloucester  
Greeting  
In his Majesty's Name you are required to no-  
tify and return the Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting  
to assemble and meet together at the old Meeting House  
in said Town on Monday the third Day of December  
next at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to choose  
a Constable (the who was last chosen having neg-  
lected to take the Oath belonging to said Office)  
To know whether the Town will do any Thing to-  
ward erecting a Fortification or Fortifications  
in said Town; To know what shall be done  
about a Towns Part of 60000 £ Loan &c

is not yet paid in to the Province Treas-  
urer and make timely return of your  
Doing Hereon Dated at Gloucester Nov:  
17<sup>th</sup> 1739

William Haskell

Eleazer Parsons

Daniel Witham

Select Men of Gloucester

Essex 10

Pursuant to the Within written  
Warrant I have notified the Free-  
holders and other qualified Inhabi-  
tants of Gloucester to assemble  
at the Time and place and for  
the Purposes herein mentioned  
Gloucester Decemb<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1739

William Ring

Constable

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inha-  
bitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified  
for Voting on the third Day of December

A.D. 1739 Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Moderator

Samuel Allen Thomas Underse. & Jos<sup>ph</sup> & Jacob  
were chosen To tell the Votes

Solomon Ingersoll was chosen Constable

Voted that A Petition be presented to his Excellency  
the Governour for a Fortification or Forti-  
fication to be erected ~~to~~ to secure our  
Harbours

Voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> Andrew Robinson present  
the Said Petition to his Excellency.

Solomon Ingersoll Appearing and paying his  
Fine for not taking the Oath of Constable

Samuel Pierce jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen to the Office of  
Constable

Voted that if Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> & Lieut Jones  
Davis will and do actually secure the Town  
from all Damage & Charge that Shall or may  
hereafter arise or has already arisen about  
60.000 £ Loan and discharge the Town  
from the Demands of the Province Treasurers  
Upon Account of the Town's Part of said  
60,000 £ Loan the Said Allen & Davy Shall  
& may have all the Profit arising thereby.

was over

Voted that



Voted that the Meeting be adjourned To Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Current at 12 o'Clock at Noon

Met by adjournment

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester by Adjournment on 11<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1739

new elects chosen

John Stevens Nymphas Stacy & Samuel Griffen jun<sup>r</sup> were chosen to tell the Votes in the Room of Samuel Allen & others who were absent

Capl. Henry Witham

was chosen Constable

No bid to fortify upon Watchhouse neck

The Question was put Whether Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Evelets Capt Nathaniel Ellery & Mr Philemon Warner jun<sup>r</sup> and others that should have Liberty to Erect a Battery upon the Watchhouse Neck so called & to that Purpose have the Liberty of 20 Rods of Ground upon the said Neck for that Purpose & it pass in the Negative.

No further act w<sup>ch</sup> is to be done

The Question was put Whether they would act upon the Article concerning Fortifications in the Notification and it pass in the Negative. attest: Daniel Witham (clerk)

Meeting

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting on 25<sup>th</sup> Day of December Ad. 1739

Grand Jury

Zerubabel Allen and John Parsons were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury

Delite Jury

Jonathan Riggs Joshua Riggs and Joseph Sargent jun<sup>r</sup> were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next inferior Court of comon Pleas & Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Salem on 4<sup>th</sup> last Tues. day of December Current. attest

Warrant

To either of the Constables of Gloucester In his Majesties Name You are requir- ed to notify and warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting to assemble and meet together at y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the Eighth Day of January next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon To choose a Constable or otherwise provide one to serve in the Southerly Ward in said Town and

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And make Timely Return of your Doings  
hereon. Fait not. Dated at Gloucester  
Decemb<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1739. William Haskell  
Ebenezer Parsons

James Davis Select Men  
Epex sc. Gloucester January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 1739

Pursuant to the Warrant I have warn-  
ed the Freeholders and other qualified Inha-  
bitants of Gloucester to meet at the Time & Place  
and for the Purpose herein mentioned

William Ringhouse

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and Meet  
other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally quali-  
fied for Voting on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Day of January  
1739/40

Mr James Davis Jun<sup>r</sup> Moderator Med  
Nymphas Stacy Solomon Parsons and Tell  
Samuel Stodghen Jun<sup>r</sup> were chof- Vol  
-ed to tell the Votes.

Voted that If Henry Witham will serve  
in the Office of Constable he shall have  
five Pounds allowed him out of the Town  
Treasury. Attest Daniel Witham Sec<sup>y</sup>  
Henry Witham

Epex sc. To Either of the Constables of Glo: Ward  
after Greeting In his Majesties for  
Name you are required to notify and warn Ann  
the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the vers  
Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting of  
to assemble and meet together at the old Town  
Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday  
the fourth Day of March next at nine  
of the Clock in the Morning in Order  
to choose Town Officers for the ensuing  
year. To hear and act upon any Pe-  
tition relating to the Line between  
the Town of Ipswich and the Town  
of Gloucester; To come into any other  
Methode providing a Constable if  
they think fit. To determine whether  
the Swine shall go at large or not  
and make Timely Return of your Do-  
ings hereon Dated at Gloucester Feb<sup>y</sup>  
12<sup>th</sup> 1739/40 James Davis

Abraham Davis

William Haskell Select Men  
of Gloucester



Return Essex. Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified and warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting to assemble and meet at the Time and place appointed & for the Purposes herein mentioned Dated at Gloucester March 4<sup>th</sup> 1739

William Ring Constable

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of March Anno Domini 1739/40

Mod<sup>o</sup> & Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Moderator

Tell<sup>o</sup> & W<sup>o</sup> Ebenezer Witham, Nehemiah Adams and Ebenezer Collins were chosen to tell the Votes of the Meeting. Ebenezer Collins refusing Zerubabel Allen was chosen in his Room

Clerk Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> was chosen Town Clerk

Seld<sup>o</sup> & Men Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jabez Baker Nathaniel Ellery Abraham Davis Timothy Day and Capt. James Davis were chosen Seld<sup>o</sup> Men

Treas<sup>r</sup> Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> was chosen Town Treas<sup>r</sup>. Const<sup>o</sup> & Nob<sup>l</sup> Jacob Parsons Joshua Riggs & Adam Wetman were chosen Constables

Survey<sup>o</sup> & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Philemon Warner Jun<sup>r</sup>: Abraham Davis Lieut Thomas Allen Benjamin Farr

Assess<sup>o</sup> Ebenezer Parsons Daniel Smith James Stanwood John Tucker Caleb Woodberry

Way<sup>o</sup> Jedidiah Davis John Roberts Capt. William Heskell & Timothy Day were chosen Surveyors of High Ways

Seal<sup>o</sup> & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Heskell Ebenezer Collins & Joseph Whiston were chosen Sealers of Leather

Fence View<sup>o</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nymphas Stacy William Ring & Nathaniel Sawyer were chosen Fence Viewers

Field Drivers Vinson Ellwell Ebenezer Collins Samuel Hodgkins Jun<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Griffin Jun<sup>r</sup>: & Ebenezer Tarbox were chosen Field Drivers

Sything men Benjamin Tarbox Thomas Allen Jun<sup>r</sup>: David Pulifer and Francis Sargent were chosen Sything Men

Sale<sup>o</sup> & Wood<sup>o</sup> Capt. Thomas Sanders and Mr John Stevens were chosen Sealers of Wood

Meas<sup>o</sup> & Salt<sup>o</sup> Peter Doliver was chosen Measurer of Salt

Stog<sup>o</sup> & rears<sup>o</sup> Zerubabel Allen Jonathan Wallis Thomas Savill John Stenchfield William Jeffords, Samuel Row James Hardy and Joseph Gardner

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Joseph Gardner were chosen Haggrees. Haggrees

Voted that the Swine go at large under the restrictions of the Law. Swine at large

Voted nemine Contradicente that Thomas Riggs be accepted to serve in the Office of Constable in the Room of his Son Safford Riggs this Day chosen to that Office. Riggs in Room of Safford

Voted that the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> Current at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon. adjourned to 11<sup>th</sup>

attest Daniel Witham Cler. Const.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting by Adjournment

On y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1739/40

It being a very Stormy Day

Voted that the Meeting be further adjourned To Friday y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Current at one of the Clock in the Afternoon. & further adjourned to 21<sup>st</sup> Current

At a meeting by Adjournment

March y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1739/40

Philemon Warner was chosen Clerk for this Meeting the former Clerk being absent. Caleb Pool Benjamin Boynton and Ebenezer Tarbox were chosen to tell the Votes. Ebenezer Day was chosen Constable for the westerly Ward. Clerk given temporary Tell Votes

Voted that Jacob Tarbox shall have five Pounds out of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury of y<sup>e</sup> Town if he serve in the Office of Constable

Voted that the Meeting be further adjourned to the first Day of April next at one of the Clock in the Afternoon. adjourned

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting by Adjournment on y<sup>e</sup> first Day of April AD 1740

Two of the persons chosen to tell the Votes of the Meeting being absent Mess<sup>rs</sup> Stephen Parsons and Edmund Grover Jun<sup>r</sup> were chosen in their Room.

Voted that Ebenezer Day should have four shillings besides the common fees for gathering the Rates if he will serve in the Office of Constable to which he is Chosen Which he accepted and was forthwith sworn by Mr Justice Allen. 40 s Voted to Ebenezer Day for serving as Constable

Elias Elwell was Chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> Easter Term having refused & paid off fine for not serving in that office. Elias Elwell Constable



Vote for Clerk chosen dead Upon a Motion made and seconded by more than Seven persons The Vote choosing Joseph Allen Esq. Town Clerk was reconsidered it being made Evident that he said Joseph Allen was Chosen Clerk by the Majority of one Voter whose Right to Vote was disputed in the Time of it and it appearing that he said Voter was not legally qualified They proceeded to a New Choice

Clerk chosen And Daniel Witham was Chosen Town Clerk by a Majority of 30 Votes.

Attest: Daniel Witham Cler

meeting At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May At Dom. 1740

Chosen Capt James Davis was chosen to serve on the Grand Jury and Mr William Parsons to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at y<sup>e</sup> next Superior Court to be holden at Ipswich on the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of May Current

Ward: Essex sc. To either of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Gloucester Greeting In His Majesties Name  
 "You are required to notify and warn y<sup>e</sup>  
 "Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the  
 "Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting  
 "in Town Affairs by setting up a Notification  
 "on the severall Meeting Houses in said Gloucester  
 "to Appear at y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Gloucester  
 "on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1740 of this Instant  
 "May at twelv<sup>e</sup> of the Clock on s<sup>d</sup> Day to  
 "Choose a Representative for y<sup>e</sup> Year ensuing  
 "Also to Choose a Constable for y<sup>e</sup> Year ensuing  
 "in the Harbour Ward, also to see what  
 "is best to be done about our Province  
 "Rate the Year past by Reason it came  
 "not in Season Gloucester May y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1740  
 "Iaber Baker James Davis Nathl. Ellery Abra.  
 "Davis Select Men"

Return Essex sc. I notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester to meet at Time and Place mentioned in s<sup>d</sup> Warrant according to Warrant Gloucester May y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1740

Thomas Rigg Constable

meeting At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified to Vote according to Law on y<sup>e</sup> sixteenth day of May 1740

Esq. Sargent Esq. was chosen Represen:  
tative of the Town in the Generall Court to be  
holden the last Wednesday of May Currant under  
the Regulation of the Select Men

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Capt. Isaac Eveleth was chosen Moderator  
Thomas Allen Junr. Caleb Pool and  
Ebenezer Collins were chosen To tell of Votes.

Joseph Littlehale was chosen Constable  
who refusing to take the Oath of Constable

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Stephen Parsons was chosen Constable  
Voted that Mr. Stephen Parsons be allowed

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son  
allowd

five Pounds out of the Town Treasury  
provided he take the Oath of Constable

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or gather the Rates of the Currant Year  
or cause them to be truly gathered and  
paid in to proper Persons Who shall be  
appointed to receive them

Whereupon  
he the sd. Stephen Parsons took the Oath of  
Constable tendered him by Mr Justice

Sargent

Daniel Witham Cer

Esq. To one of the Constables of Gloucester

Greeting

In his majesties NAME You are re-  
quired to warn and notify the Freeholders &  
other Inhabitants of this Town legally quali-  
fied for Voting in Town Affairs to assemble &  
meet together at the old Meeting House

Warr.

on Monday the Twenty Second Day of  
of this Instant at one of the Clock on said

Day To grant Liberty to make a Town  
Rate or any other Buisness that the Town  
shall think fit Gloucester Septemb. 21.

1740 Nathl. Ellery James Davis Abraham  
Davis Select Men

Esq. Gloucester Sept. 22. 1740.

I notified the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Gloucester to appear at y<sup>e</sup> Time & Place by me.

Return

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally  
qualified for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> 22 Day of September

AD. 1740. Capt. Isaac Eveleth Moderator  
The Constable Day & Riggs were chosen to tell of

Voted that a Rate amounting to one hundred &  
Eighty Pounds be levied on the Polls and Estates  
in this Town To defrey the necessary Charges of  
the Year Currant. attest: Daniel Witham Cer.

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Rate  
granted



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Mr Elber To one of the Constables of Gloucester  
Greeting

In his Majesties Name you are to Warn the  
Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester  
qualified for Voting in Town Affairs to assemble  
and meet together at the old Meeting House in  
said Gloucester on Monday the first Day of  
December next Ensuing at twelve of the Clock  
on said Day, To choose a Collector or hire  
some person to collect the Rates that Consta-  
ble Stephen Parsons was to gather or collect  
and also to allow something more to Mr  
Benjamin White, Sallery if they see cause  
Gloucester Nov<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1740 Nath Elber, Sam Davy  
Abner Baker Simi. Day  
Select Men

returne Gloucest Nov<sup>r</sup> 20 1740.

By Vertue of this Warrant sworne the  
Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester  
qualified legally for Voting To appear at the  
Time & Place & for the Purpose herein mentioned  
Thomas Riggs Constable

Meeting At a meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified on Monday  
the first Day of December A.D. 1740.

Mod. Mr David Plumer Moderator  
Tollway John Low Paul Doliver and John Benet were  
chosen To tell the votes of the Meeting.

Mr W<sup>m</sup> Parsons was chosen Collector.

The Question was put Whether there should  
be any Addition made to Mr Benj. White's Sal-  
lary for keeping the publick School & it pass  
in the Negative.

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to  
Friday the fifth Instant at 12 o' Clock.  
At the Meeting by Adjournment Dec<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>

1740 Voted that the Voting Mr William Parsons  
Collector be reconsidered & he be discharged from  
that Service for that he is a Church Officer  
Mr John Ellwell was chosen Collector

Voted that the Vote respecting Mr Benj. White's  
Sallery be reconsidered & he be allowed Twenty  
five Pounds for keeping School the current  
year

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned To Monday  
the 8<sup>th</sup> current at 10 o' Clock.

At the Meeting by Adjournment on Monday  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1740

Jeremiah Parsons was chosen Collector Mr John  
Ellwell refusing to serve in that Office and

Voted that the Select Men may allow of  
said Jeremiah Parsons Eight Pounds to serve  
in

iii the Office of Collector to which he is chosen  
 The Question was put Whether the last Vote  
 respecting Mr Benj<sup>d</sup> White's Salary for keep-  
 ing School be reconsidered & it kept in the  
 Negative

Voted that the Meeting be Adjourned To  
 To Morrow Dec<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> at one o' Clock  
 At The Meeting Dec<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1740 by Adjourn<sup>ment</sup>:

Joseph Little hale was chosen Collector  
 Jeremiah Parsons having refused to serve  
 and The Meeting was adjourned for one Hour  
 to the House of Mr W<sup>m</sup> Ellery & Then

Met again

Voted That Mr Joseph Little hale be Cleared  
 from being Chosen Collector or Constable in y<sup>e</sup>  
 Town for the future provided he Take the  
 Oath of Collector & faithfully perform y<sup>e</sup> Service  
 thereof.

Voted That the Said Joseph Little hale  
 be allowed out of the Treasury Six pounds  
 and his own Fine five Pounds, which he has  
 not Paid for not serving in the Office of Con-  
 =table Which he was chosen to last Spring  
 provided he serve faithfully in the Office of  
 Collector the Current Year.

To Either of the Constables of Gloucester

In his Majesties Name you are required to  
 to notify and warn the Freeholders and  
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester le-  
 =gally qualified for Voting in Town Affairs  
 to assemble and meet together at the old  
 Meeting House in Said Gloucester on Tues-  
 =day the third Day of March next at nine  
 of the Clock in the forenoon

To Chose Town Officers for the Year ensuing

To See Whether they will allow the Constable  
 or Collector any Thing more for gathering  
 the <sup>Provincial</sup> Rates for y<sup>e</sup> Year 1739.

To See Whether the Hogs shall go at large the  
 Year Ensuing.

To give Liberty to some people to set  
 up Gates across the high Way if they think  
 fit. Gloucester February 11<sup>th</sup> 1740.

Gloucester March 2<sup>d</sup> 1740/41 Nathl Ellery

James Davis

Abraham Davis

Select Men of G<sup>l</sup>.



Glocester March 4<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1740

By Vertue of this Warrant I have  
warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of Glocester at <sup>of</sup> Time and Place and for the  
Purposes herein mentioned I have, Riggs Constable

An anniversary Meeting of  
Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Glocester legally  
qualified for Voting on the third Day of  
March Anno Dom. 1740

Mod<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Eveleth Moderator

Tell<sup>r</sup> By Joseph Winslow Ebenezer Witham and Josiah  
Choate were chosen to tell the Votes off meeting

Clerk Daniel Witham was chosen Clerk

Storge Voted the Hogs may go at large under the restric-  
tions of the Law

After Debate The Question was put Whether  
Mr. Nathl. Should have Liberty to set up a Gate  
across the highway near Littlegood Harbor  
Beech between his Land & the Salt Marsh  
and it fell in the Negative.

Select Men Daniel Witham Philemon Warner Jun<sup>r</sup> David  
Stanwood Mark Haskell and Cap<sup>t</sup> James Da-  
vis were Chosen Select Men.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Witham was chosen Treasurer.

Survey<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> John Corney Joseph Coward Josiah  
Ingersoll Caleb Pool Nymphas Stacy David  
Plumer & Benjamin Cunningham Luke Morgan  
Adam Walman Timothy Day, John Tucker  
William Norwood and George Dennison were  
chosen Survey<sup>r</sup>s of high Ways.

Constable Mr. Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> was Chosen Con-  
stable and

Voted the above named Samuel Stevens  
Jun<sup>r</sup> be allowed 30 pounds out of the Treasur-  
y provided he serve Constable for the  
whole Town and gather the whole Town &  
Province Rates for the ensuing year, besides  
the usual Fees for gathering.

Thing<sup>r</sup> men William Haskell the third Benjamin Boynton  
Joseph Winslow & Deacon James Lane were  
chosen Thing<sup>r</sup> Men

Samuel Hodgkins Jun<sup>r</sup> James Haskell & David  
Nymphas Stacy were chosen Sealers of Leather.  
John Millet John Tenchfield James  
Hogues Parsons Samuel Griffin Jun<sup>r</sup> & Andrew Woodberry  
were chosen Stagrecovers.

Peter Doliver Measurer of Salt  
Nymphas Stacy & Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Sanders were  
chosen Sealers of Wood.

Lieut Thomas Allen Sam<sup>l</sup> Hodgkins Jun<sup>r</sup> &  
Nymphas Stacy were Chosen Fence Viewers.

Voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> John Corney Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Gibbs & M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Parsons & Jacob Parsons Who had a Grant of some flatts to build Wharves with Condition they built each of them a Wharf within the Term of Three Years upon the said flatts which Term is expired have the further Term of Three Years more to fulfill the Conditions of the said Grants of flatts the former Term being elapsed Notwithstanding without performing the said Conditions.

Voted that the Treasurer of the Town may receive the Manufactory Bills so called in Pay for the Town's Debts the Year Ensuing. Alld<sup>r</sup> Daniel Witham C<sup>ler</sup>

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> Eighth Day of May 1741.

Mr Thomas Allen was Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury & Mr John Banet to serve on the Jury of men Tryalls at the next Superior Court to be holden at Ipswich within & for y<sup>e</sup> County of Essex. Attest Daniel Witham C<sup>ler</sup>

Essex. To either of the Constables of Gloucester Greeting

In his Majestys Names you are required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting to assemble and meet together at y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> nineteenth Day of May Current at one of the Clock in the afternoon to choose one or more meet Person or Persons to represent them in the great and generall Court to be holden at Boston on y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Day of May Current; To Choose any Town Officer that may be wanting; & to grant a Town Rate and make Return of your Doings herein.

Dated at Gloucester May y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1741. James Davison

Philemon Warren

Daniel Witham Select men



Return  
of  
Warrant

Exem. S. Gloucester May. 19<sup>th</sup> 1741  
According to this Warrant I have notified  
and warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for  
Voting, to assemble and meet at Time and Place  
by setting up Notifications on y<sup>e</sup> Meeting House Doors  
Samuel Stevens Constable

A meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester legally qualified  
for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> nineteenth Day of May 1741.

Represent  
to this chosen  
Capt James Davis was chosen to represent the  
Town in the great & generall Court to be holden  
at Boston on y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Current

Moderator  
Constable  
Capt James Davis was chosen Moderator  
Benjamin Boynton was chosen Constable

Select Men  
to Chuse  
Specially  
in y<sup>e</sup>  
Jud Court.  
Voted nemine Contradicente That the Select  
Men or the Major Part of them be ordered to  
lay before his Excellency the Governour Council  
and House of Representatives, at their next  
Sessions of the generall Court, the poor exposed  
and distressed State of this Town in Order to  
obtain an Abatement of our Province Tax and  
Some Fortifications of our Harbour, Alms?  
Daniel Witham Secy.

Warrant Exem. S. To either of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Gloucester  
Greeting In his Majesties Name You  
are required to notify and warn the Freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally quali-  
fied for Voting to assemble and meet  
together at y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting House in said  
Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> twenty ninth Day  
of June current at one of the Clock in  
y<sup>e</sup> afternoon To choose one or more meet  
Persons to represent them in the great  
and generall Court to be holden for his  
Majestys Service at the Court House in  
Boston on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> Eighteth Day of  
July next ensuing the Date hereof; and to  
grant a Town Rate for defraying the necessar-  
y Charges of the Town the Currant Year  
and make Return of your Doings hereon  
Dated at Gloucester June y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1741.

James Davis Phil: Warner  
David Starwood Daniel Witham  
Select Men.

Exem. S. BY Vertue of the within written Warrant  
I have notify'd the Freeholders and other Inha-  
bitants

Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified  
for Voting to assemble and meet at the  
Time and Place and for the Purposes herein  
mentioned Dated at Gloucester June 29<sup>th</sup> 1741.  
Sam<sup>r</sup> Stevens Corsteble

**A** Meeting of the Freeholders, and meet<sup>g</sup>  
Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified  
for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> twenty ninth Day of  
June AD 1741.

Capt James Davis was chosen to repre<sup>repre</sup>  
sent the Town in the next great & Generall <sup>sent to</sup>  
to be holden at Boston on y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Day of <sup>and</sup>  
July next under the Regulation of y<sup>e</sup> Select  
Men & afterwards was chosen

Capt. Isaac Eveleth Moderator and <sup>mod.</sup>  
after some Debate <sup>meet<sup>g</sup></sup>

Voted that the Meeting be adjourn<sup>ad, on</sup>  
ed to Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> of July next at <sup>and</sup>  
two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the Afternoon

Attest Dan<sup>r</sup> Witham Cler<sup>clerk</sup>  
At the Meeting of Inhabitants of the Town <sup>Met</sup>  
of Gloucester by Adjournment July y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> <sup>again</sup>  
1741.

Voted that a Rate amounting to Two <sup>L250</sup>  
hundred & fifty Pounds be levied on the <sup>Rate</sup>  
Polls & Estates in this Town to defray the <sup>granted</sup>  
necessary Charges of the Town the Year  
Current.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sabel Baker Edmund Grover Jun<sup>r</sup> <sup>Jurors</sup>  
Jun<sup>r</sup> and Ebenezer Parsons were chosen <sup>chosen</sup>  
to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next <sup>for Salem</sup>  
Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden <sup>Court</sup>  
at Salem the second Tuesday of July Current

Attest Daniel Witham Cler<sup>clerk</sup>  
At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other <sup>Meeting</sup>  
Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Gloucester legally qualify<sup>ing</sup>  
ed for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December AD  
1741.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nymphas Stacy and Abraham Jun<sup>r</sup> <sup>Jurors</sup>  
Lawyer were chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand <sup>Grand</sup>  
Jury and Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Corney Isaac Eveleth <sup>Petit</sup>  
Jun<sup>r</sup> & William Allen were chosen to serve on <sup>chosen</sup>  
the Petit Jury at y<sup>e</sup> next Inferior Courts of  
common Pleas & generall Sessions of the Peace  
to be holden at Salem on the last Tuesday  
of December Current.



Essex. To either of the Constables of Gloucester Greeting

Warr.

In his Majesties Name You are required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting to assemble and meet together at the old Meeting House in said Gloucester on Tuesday the ninth Day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon to choose Town Officers for y<sup>e</sup> Year ensuing; To know whether the Town will during the Town's Pleasure allow the Way going from Deacon Williams Parson's, by the Marshes to the Cut to be shut up or changed for that going from said Mr Parson's to the Cut by the Sea Shore over the Hill; and whether they will confirm any high Ways laid out; and whether they will Sell or give a Piece of Land near Mr John Steven's, to Set up a School House upon to such of the Inhabitants as shall desire it. And Whether they will Swine shall go at large or not y<sup>e</sup> ensuing Year and make Time-ly Return of your Doing hereon

Gloucester February 9<sup>th</sup> 1741, 2

Daniel Witham James Davis

Mark Haskell Phil. Warner Selectmen

Return.

Essex. Gloucester March 9<sup>th</sup> 1741, 2

Pursuant to the within written Warrant I have notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting to meet at the Time and Place & for the Purposes therein Mentioned by Setting up Notifications on the Meeting Houses of y<sup>e</sup> Town

Samuel Steven Constable

Meeting

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting on the ninth Day of March

Moderator

A.D. 1741/2 Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Moderator

Tell Votes

Nathaniel Sargent Nehemiah Adams and Isaac Parsons were chosen to tell the Votes.

Clerk & Treasurer

Daniel Witham was chosen Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

Select Men

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Witham Nathaniel Ellery Abraham Davis Capt. William Haskell and Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis were chosen Select Men

Constable

Voted that Mr. John Day be chosen Constable and be allowed thirty Pounds besides the common Fees out of the Town Treasury provided he the said Day collect all the Town and Province Rate And serve in the Office of Constable the ensuing Year.

30 L given

Survey

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jabez Baker John Corney Joseph Littlehale Solomon Parsons Zerubabel Allen

High Ways.

Joshua Riggs, Samuel Griffin Junr. Josiah Lane Luke Morgan, Aaron Bray, and Ebenezer Haskell were chosen Surveyors of high Ways.

Messrs Samuel Hodgkins Junr. Nymphas Stacy & James Haskell were chosen Sealers of Leather.

Benjamin Boynton John Benet Hubbard Haskell Jonathan Wallis Nathaniel Bray Junr James Dyke Samuel Griffin & 3 and Aaron Riggs were chosen Sything men

Lieut. Thomas Allen Samuel Hodgkins Junr. & Nymphas Stacy were chosen Fence Viewers

Capt Thomas Sanders & Mr Nymphas Stacy were chosen Sealers of Wood.

Peter Doliver was chosen Measurer of Salt.

John Mc Clinch John Goodridge and Nathl. Allen Nicholas Kuelville Joseph Winflow Benjamin Robberts Timothy Day Samuel Griffin & 3 & Thomas Saville were chosen Hogreeves.

Joseph Tarboox was chosen Constable.

Voted that the Swine may go at large under the Restriction of Law.

The Petition of Philemon Warner Ezekiel Woodward Junr Wm Ellery Nymphas Joseph Little hale Thomas Allen Eben Parsons Esq, Sargent Joseph Allen Nathl Ellery Nathl Sargent Wm Parsons Daniel Witham and Peter Doliver & Thomas Sanders Junr praying for a few feet of Land between the House of Daniel Parsons dec'd & Capt John Prince in a Crotch of high Way to set up a School House upon was granted provided the Petitioners build an House thereon within twelve Months.

Mr William Parsons Petition for Liberty to set up a Gate upon the high Way by his House going round by the Marsh was dismissed being much opposed by his Neighbours.

Attest  
Daniel Witham Cler.

At A MEETING of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified to Vote on of third Day of May A.D. 1742

Capt William Haskell was chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury & Mr Charles Byles to Serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Superior Court to be holden at Ipswich within and for the County of Essex

Attest  
Daniel Witham Cler.



Epex sc. To Either of the Constables of Gloucester  
 Greeting In his Majesties Name You are  
 required to notify and warn the Freeholders and  
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legal-  
 ly qualified for Voting to assemble and meet  
 together at the old Meeting House in said Town  
 on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day May Current at  
 one of the Clock in the Afternoon to choose one  
 or more meet Persons to represent them  
 in the great and Generall Court to be holden  
 at Boston on the last Wednesday of May  
 Current; To grant a Rate for Defraying y<sup>e</sup>  
 necessary Charges of the Town the Year Current;  
 To consider and resolve whether the Town  
 will accept of the Money granted to erect  
 a Fortification or Battery in the Town  
 by the Generall Court. And make timely  
 Return of your Doings herein Dated at  
 Gloucester May y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1742 Nathaniel  
 Elory James Davis William Haskell  
 Select Men

Epex sc. Gloucester May y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1742 Pursuant to  
 this Warrant I have notified the Freeholders  
 and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally quali-  
 fied for Voting to assemble and meet at y<sup>e</sup>  
 Time and Place y<sup>e</sup> for the Purpose herein men-  
 tioned Joseph Tarboox Constable

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and  
 other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified  
 for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD 1742  
 Capt. James Davis was chosen Representa-  
 tive under the Direction of the Select Men

Capt. James Davis was chosen Moderator

Voted that a Rate amounting to the  
 Sum of two hundred Pounds old Tenor be  
 levied upon the Polls and Estates within this  
 Town for Defraying the necessary Charges  
 arising within the Same.

The Question was put Whether they would  
 accept of the Money granted by the great y<sup>e</sup>  
 Generall Court for raising a Battery within  
 this Town and it passed in the Affirmative

Soll: Epex Sargents Capt. Joseph Allen  
 and Capt. James Davis were chosen to receive  
 the Money granted by the generall Court for  
 erecting a Battery and give Bond Accord-  
 ing to the Tenor of the Courts Order.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester on  
21<sup>st</sup> Day of December A.D. 1742  
Ebenezer Tarbox and Caleb Pool were chosen to serve  
on the Grand Jury and  
Solomon Parsons John Pool and Nathaniel  
Allen were chosen to serve on the Jury of Inquests at  
the next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem

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Grand  
Jury  
Jury  
Chosen

Esq. To the Constables of Gloucester or  
either of them Greeting.

In his Majesties Name you are required to  
notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inha-  
bitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for  
Voting to assemble and meet together at the Old  
Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the eighth  
Day of March next at nine of the Clock in the  
Forenoon to choose Town Officers for the Year en-  
suing; To resolve what shall be done with  
Relation to the School and the Circulation  
thereof; To contrive some better Measures  
to maintain the poor of this Town; To resolve  
whether the Swine shall go at large or not.  
And make timely Return of your Doings here  
on Dated at Gloucester on the 22 Day of Fe-  
bruary A.D. 1742/3. Nath<sup>l</sup> Ellery

William Haskell James Davis  
Daniel Witham Select Men of Gloucester

Esq. Gloucester March 8<sup>th</sup> 1742/3

Pursuant the within written Warrent I have  
notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting to as-  
semble at Time & Place for the Purposes  
herein mentioned Joseph Tarbox Constable

At a Meeting of the Freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally  
qualified for Voting on the Eighth Day of March  
A.D. 1742/3.

Col<sup>l</sup>. Esq. Sargent Moxerton Mod<sup>r</sup>

Benjamin Boynton Nathaniel Sargent  
and Jonathan Norwood were chosen to tell  
the Votes of the Meeting

Daniel Witham was chosen Town Clerk Clerk

Capt Nathaniel Ellery Mess<sup>r</sup> Daniel Witham Select Men

Abraham Davis Capt William Haskell and  
Capt James Davis were chosen Select Men

Daniel Witham was chosen Town Treasurer Treasurer

Mess<sup>r</sup> John Tucker Jedidiah Davis Benja- Sum

min Farr Henry Edgar Philimon Warner say

Michael Webber John Millet James Dyke single

John Haskell William Ellery John Benet way

were chosen Surveyors of high Ways.



*Tything* Benjamin Boynton, Hubbard Haskell An-  
*men* tony Benet, William Haskell 3<sup>d</sup> & Thomas  
 Savill were Chosen Tything men  
*Constables* James Edgerly, Solomon Davis, Josiah  
 Choate and Stephen Butler were chosen  
 Constables

30<sup>th</sup> Voted that the four Constables be allowed  
 from thirty Pounds old Tenor to be divided  
 among them in Proportion to the Sums  
 which they shall collect besides the Com on Fee  
 for collecting for the current Year

*Fence* Lieut Allen Mr John Low & Mr Nymphas  
*Viewers* Stacy were chosen Fence Viewers  
*Sealer* Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nymphas Stacy Samuel Hodgkins  
*Leather* Jun<sup>r</sup> & Daniel Haskell were chosen Sealers of  
 Leather.

*Hogreeves* Capt. John Prince Abraham Davis Jacob  
 Randal Ezekiel Woodward Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Davis  
 Caleb Pool Isaac Parsons & Jonathan Rigg  
 were chosen Hogreeves.

*Swine* Voted that the Swine go at Large under  
*at Large* the Restriction of the Law.

Attest Daniel Wittham Clerk

To either of the Constables of Gloucester Greeting  
 In his Majesty's Name you are required to noti-  
 fy and warn the Freeholders and other In-  
 habitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting to as-  
 semble and meet together at the old Meeting  
 House in said Town on Monday the ninth Day  
 of May next at one of the Clock in the Afternoon  
 to choose one or more Meet Person or Persons to  
 represent them in the great and Generall Court  
 or Assembly to be holden at the Court House in  
 Boston for his Majesty's Service on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day  
 of May next; To grant a Town Rate; To con-  
 sult and resolve What shall be proper to be  
 done relating to the Grammar School of the Town  
 To choose any Town Officer that may be Wanting  
 and make Timely Return of your Doing hereon  
 Dated at Gloucester April 4<sup>th</sup> 1743.

Nath<sup>l</sup> Ellery James Davis, William  
 Haskell Abraham Davis Daniel Wittham  
 Select Men of Gloucester

*Glor. S.* Gloucester May 9<sup>th</sup> 1743 Pursuant to the within  
 written Warrant I have notified the Freeholders &  
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester quali-  
 fied for Voting to assemble at Time & Place &  
 for the Purposes herein mentroned by setting up  
 Notifications according to Custom  
 Solomon Davis Constable

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting on the ninth Day of May Anno Dom. 1743.

Capt. James Davis was chosen to represent the Town in the next great & Generall Court.

Capt. Nathaniel Ellery was chosen Moderator

Messrs David Harraden James Edgerly and Caleb Pool were chosen to tell the Votes.

Voted that a Rate amounting to the Sum of three hundred & fifty pounds old tenor be levied on the Polls & Estates in the Town to defray the necessary Charges of the Town

Voted that the Grammar School Circulate in three years as it has done lately.

The Question was put Whether they would accept of Benjamin Foster to serve in the office of Constable in the Room of James Edgerly and it passed in the Negative.

Attest Daniel Witham Cler

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting on the Eleventh Day of July Ad. 1743

Capt. James Davis Messrs John Stevens and Peter Doliver were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court and Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Salem on the Second Tuesday of July current.

Esq. To either of the Constable of Gloucs. Greeting

In his Majesty's Name you are required to Notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting in Town Affairs to assemble and meet together at the sd Meeting House in said Gloucester on Monday the Twenty second Day of this Instant Aug. next at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon To act and do what you think Convenient to be done relating to the Money granted by the Generall Court for to build a Fortification the Money being received by the Committee Chosen to receive the Same Dated at Gloucester Aug: 7<sup>th</sup> 1743. James Davis Abraham Davis William Haskell Select

Men of Gloucester.



Men of Gloucester.

By Vertue of this Warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of this Town by Setting up Notifications on the Severall Meeting Houses in the Town to appear at the Time and Place for to Act and do according to what is mentioned in this Warrant to me directed  
 p<sup>r</sup> Solomon Davis Constable.

Meeting. At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified for Voting on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> Day of August A.D. 1743.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. James Davis Moderator  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Jonathan Norwood Josiah Choate and Timothy Day were chosen to tell the Votes of the Meeting

After Much Debate The Question was put Whether the Meeting should be adjourned to Monday the Twentieth Current at Two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the Afternoon & it past in the Affirmative.

Money for a Battery to be returned. Voted that the Money granted by the general Court to erect a Battery be received by the Committee of the Town be returned to the Province Treasurer.

Allost Daniel Witham Cler.

Warrant for a meeting. Together of the Constable, of Gloucester Greeting In his Majesty's Name you are required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting to assemble and meet together at the old Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the Sixth Day of March next at nine of the Clock in the Forenoon to Choose Town Officers for the ensuing Year; To know whether the same shall go at large or not the year ensuing. To settle the Wards of the Survey; if they see Cause Dated at Gloucester Feb<sup>r</sup> 7 y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1743/ Nath<sup>l</sup> Ellery Esq<sup>r</sup> J<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> March y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1743/ James Davis

By Vertue of this Warrant I have notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified by Law for Voting to meet at the Time and Place & for the Purposes herein mentioned by Setting up Notifications according to Custom Solomon Davis Constable

Meeting. At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting on the Sixth Day of March A.D. 1743.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Nathaniel Ellery Moderator.  
 Solomon Parsons John Brewer and Joseph Tarboor Monitors to tell the Votes of the Meeting

Cap<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Ellery Daniel Witham  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> William Ellery Cap<sup>t</sup> William Haskell &  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis were Chosen Select Men

Daniel Witham was chosen Town Clerk &  
 Town Treasurer.

Parker Sawyer Samuel Day Charles Byles  
 & William Norwood were Chosen Constables.

Ebenezer Tarbooz Caleb Pool James Sawyer  
 Philemon Warner John Hadley Thomas  
 Allen Joseph Brown Jun<sup>r</sup> Josiah Croote  
 Samuel Rust James Dyke Job Davis &  
 Jonathan Fellows & Samuel Griffin the third  
 Surveyors of high Ways.

Ebenezer Bowman Ezekiel Woodward John  
 Brewer John Haskell Thomas Yorke &  
 Jonathan Norwood Hything Men

Lieut Thomas Allen Jacob Randal and  
 Nymphas Stacy & Three Viewers.

Nymphas Stacy Ebenezer Collins & Daniel  
 Haskell & Dealers of Leather.

Samuel Parsons James Witham Benja-  
 min Boynton Antony Benet Jonathan  
 Riggs Ambrose Allen Samuel Griffin &  
 and Aaron Bray Agreees

Solomon Davis and William Honey left  
 were chosen to see the Act relating to the  
 Increase of Deer in this Province be not  
 violated in this town

Voted that the Hogs go at large.

Attest Daniel Witham Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
 Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualify'd for  
 Voting on the first Day of May AD 1744

Mr Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen to Serve  
 on the Grand Jury & Mess<sup>r</sup> John Ellwell and  
 George Giddings to Serve on the Jury of Trials  
 at the next Superior Court of Judicature &c to  
 holden at Ipswich on the second Tuesday of May  
 Current — attest Daniel Witham Town Clerk

Essex s<sup>r</sup> To either of the Constables of  
 Gloucester, Greeting In his Majesty's  
 Name you are required to notify and warn the  
 Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester  
 legally qualify'd by his Majesty's Charter for  
 Voting to assemble and meet together at the old  
 Meeting House, or the Meeting House in the  
 fourth Parish in Gloucester afores<sup>d</sup> on Monday  
 the twenty first Day of May instant at  
 one of the Clock in the Afternoon to choose  
 one or more good and lawfull Men to repre-  
 sent



represent them in the great and generall  
to be holden at the Court House in Boston  
on the last Wednesday of May Current;  
To hear and if they see Cause Act upon the  
Petitions of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr John Rogers & Mr  
Thomas Allen relating to granting said  
Mr Rogers some Part of the Meeting House  
Green; and removing or Selling the old School  
House; and On the Petition of Elizer Grover  
And To grant a Rate for Defraying the ne-  
cessary Charges of the Town and make Re-  
turn of your Doings herein Dated at Glos-  
ter on 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May A.D. 1744.

William Haskell James Davis Nath<sup>l</sup>  
Ellery Select Men of Gloucester  
Essex Co Gloucester May 21<sup>st</sup> 1744 Pursuant  
to this Warrant I have notifyd the Free-  
holders and other Inhabitants qualify'd by  
Law & Charter to meet at the Time and  
Place and for the Purposes herein mentioned  
By Selling up Notifications on the Usual Places

Parker Lawyer Constable  
At a Meeting of the Freeholders &  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester le-  
gally qualified for Voting on the twenty  
first Day of May Anno Dom: 1744.

Mr William Parsons was chosen to represent  
the Town of Gloucester in the great and gener-  
all Court to be holden for his Majesty's  
Service at the Court House in Boston &  
on the last Wednesday of May Current und-  
er the Regulation of the Select Men after  
which.

Mr Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator  
Voted that Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Rogers's Petition be dis-  
missed. It not appearing that it was in  
the Town's Power to grant it away the Meeting  
House Green

In Answer to the Petition of Mr Thomas Allen  
Voted that Mr Thomas Allen have leave to re-  
move the old School House to any Place adjoyn-  
ing to his own Land as it now doth betwixt  
the Place where said House now Stand, and  
within twenty feet of the End of the Land  
that goeth from the Meeting House Green to  
his own House he now dwells in, provided  
he make it as good after it is removed as  
now is in the Judgment of Select Men  
Voted that the Petition of Elizer Grover be  
referred to the next Town Meeting.

Voted that a Rate amounting to the Sum <sup>300<sup>l</sup></sup> of three hundred Pounds of the old Tenor, <sup>Rate granted</sup> be levied on the Polls and Estates within the Town to defray the necessary Charges of this Town

Epx J. To Either of the Constables of Gloucester Greeting In his Majesty's Name You are required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified for Voting to assemble and meet together at the old Meeting House, or the Meeting House, in the fourth Parish in Said Town on Monday the second Day of July next at one of the Clock in the afternoon To Empower the Committee formerly appointed to receive the Money granted to fortify the Harbour in this Town or any two of them to petition the Generall Court in the Town's Behalf for further Allowance of Money (if need be) for Fortifications at Annamquam or elsewhere within this Town, and to receive the Additionall Sum granted by the Generall Court last Year upon the Conditions of the said Grant & to receive any further Sum and Sums of Money that May be granted upon Conditions not materially differing from the Conditions of the first Grant if they see Cause: and to allow the Select Mens List of Jury Men and make timely Return of your Doings here in Dated at Gloucester June 25<sup>th</sup> 1744. Daniel Witham Nathl Ellery William Ellery Select Men

Epx J. Gloucester July 2. 1744  
Pursuant to the within written Warrant I have notify'd and Warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting to meet at Time and Place and for the Purposes herein mentioned by setting up Notifications according to Custom Parker Sawyer Constable

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting on the Second Day of July AD 1744.

Mr William Parsons Moderator  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ebenezer Collins Nymphas Stacy and Philemon Warner were chosen to tell the Votes of the Meeting

Voted that the Committee formerly appointed to receive the Money granted to fortify the Harbour in this Town or any two of them



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them be empowered to petition the Generall Court <sup>in the Towns Behalf</sup> for further Allowance of Money if need be for Fortifications at Anna Square or elsewhere within this Town; and to receive the additional Sum granted by the Generall Court last Year upon the Conditions of the said Grant; And to receive any further Sum or Sums that may be granted upon Conditions not materially differing from the Conditions of the first Grant. As soon as the Meeting was dismissed the following Entered their Dissent against the Vote last above written viz.

Dissent entered

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Andrew Riggs     | John Roberts    |
| Thomas Allen     | George Dennison |
| Abram Sawyer     | James Davis     |
| Jonathan Fellows | John Tucker     |
| Joseph Harraden  | William Young   |
|                  | Thomas Riggs    |
|                  | William Haskell |

At a Town Meeting on the Second Day of July AD 1744 Jonathan Fellows George Dennison and James Sawyer Jun were chosen to Serve on the Jury of Tryals at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem in & for the County of Essex on the Second Tuesday of July Instant

Daniel Witham Cler.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting on the twentieth Day of January AD. 1744

Messrs Jabez Baker and Caleb Woodberry were chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury & Messrs Isaac Ewleth the Thire Isaac Parsons and James Dyke were chosen to Serve on the petit Jury at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem in & for the County of Essex.

Daniel Witham Town Cler

Essex Co. To either of the Constables of Gloucester Greeting In his Majesties Name You are required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified by Law to Vote to assemble and meet together at y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting House in Gloucester On Tuesday the fifth Day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon To choose Town Officers for y<sup>e</sup> Year ensuing To confirm any High Wayes laid out by the Select Men to resolve whether the same shall go at large or not, and make timely Return of your Doings hereon Dated at Gloucester on the Eighteenth Day of February AD 1744 Nathl Ellery William Haskell William Merry James Davis Select Men of Gloucester

Whereas the Select men of Gloucester gave me the within Warrant to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town to meet together to chuse Town Officers and so other Business at the old Meeting House I have accordingly done it by setting up Notifications on the severall Meeting Houses which bear Date with the within Warrant  
 Glocest March 7 5: 1744 5 Samuel Day  
 Constable

At the Anniversary Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting on the fifth Day of March

1744/5 Mr William Parsons Moderator

Mr Parker Sawyer Jonathan Wallis and Joseph Croote were chosen to tell the Votes.

The Question was put whether the Town would allow the Select Men for the ensuing Year the Salary of five pounds old Tenor a piece to do the the Towns Business and find themselves & it passed in the affirmative.

Messrs William Parsons Daniel Witham William Ellery Timothy Day & George Dennison were chosen Select Men

Daniel Witham Town Clerke Clerk  
 and Town Treasurer Treasr

Mr Nathaniel Allen Antony Benet William Stevens and Samuel Griffin junr Constable

Mr John Prince Jonathan John Roberts Tything Men  
 Junr & John Hale

Mr Philemon Warner Jonathan Parsons Jonathan Wallis Ebenezer Pool James Parsons Ebenezer Tarboox Samuel Hodgkins Junr Solomon Davis Caleb Woodberry John Tucker Nathaniel Haskell Luke Morgan & Aaron Bray Surveyors of high Ways

Mr Nymphas Stacy Daniel Haskell and Ebenezer Collins Sealers of Leather

Mr Nymphas Stacy Jacob Randal & Thomas Allen Fence Viewers

John Roberts and Isaac Haskell were chosen to prosecute Breaches of the Law relating to the Insuwing of Deer

Peter Doliver was chosen Measure of Salt and Packer

Ebenezer Bowman Jonathan Row Michael Webber Ambrose Allen Thomas Saville Thomas Yorke and Abel Davis Hogreaves

Parker Sawyer and Jacob Randal Field Drivers Voted Nemine Contradicente that the Town may go at large Under a Regulation of the Law.



highway. A Description of an high Way laid out by  
 the Select men October 9<sup>th</sup> 1744 It begins  
 on the northerly side of Benet's Mill Bridge &  
 runs down westerly before Benjamin Foster's  
 House below the Hill to the Mill Door to be  
 twenty feet wide from where the Pond common-  
 ly flows & to run down along by the Pond &  
 thence straight to the Mill Door. Nath<sup>l</sup> Ellery  
 James Davis William Haskell Select men of Gloucester  
 Voted a Confirmation of the above described Way  
 provided Antony Benet who desires it laid out  
 his Heirs &c make & maintain it forever without  
 any Charge to the Town

Gloucester Aug: 13. 1744 Then laid out  
 an high Way of two Rods Wide beginning at y<sup>e</sup>  
 Head of Goose Cove by Mr Dennison's Land and  
 turning up into the Woods by John Tucker's Land  
 by Mr Norwood's House, and so along as the old  
 Way goes to a small House belonging to John  
 Tucker and so up along to the Turn of that Way  
 and then turning Northerly between George  
 Dennison's Land till you come to the House that  
 Daniel Collins formerly lived in and so as  
 the old Way goes ~~till~~ Till it comes to the  
 Wood Lot the high Way is two Rods wide  
 from End to End James Davis Nath<sup>l</sup> Ellery  
 William Haskell Select men of Glouc.

Voted a Confirmation of the above described high  
 Way upon Condition that John Tucker and Part-  
 ners who have desired it to be laid out their Heirs  
 &c Will make and maintain it forever for the public  
 Use without Cost or Charge to the Town  
 Daniel Witham Town Cler

At a Meeting of the qualified Inhabitants  
 of the Town of Gloucester on the ninth Day  
 of May Anno Domini 1745  
 Mr William Haskell & Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Eveleth  
 were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury  
 And Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Robberts Ebenezer Tar-  
 boox and Josiah Choate were chosen to  
 serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Su-  
 perior Court to be holden at Ipswich  
 Daniel Witham Town Cler.

To the Constable or Constables of Gloucester  
 or either of them Greeting In His Majesty's Name  
 You are required to notify and warn the Free-  
 holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of  
 Gloucester qualified by Law for Voting to as-  
 semble and meet together at the old meeting  
 House in said Town on Thursday the six-  
 teenth Day of May Current at two of the  
 Clock in the Afternoon to choose one or more  
 meet person or persons according to the  
 Directions of the Law to represent them in  
 the great & generall Court or Assembly

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to be holden at the Court House in Boston  
on Wednesday the twenty ninth Day of May  
Instant; and to choof any other Town Officer  
that may be wanting and make timely Re-  
turn of your Doings hereon Dated at  
Glocester the third Day of May Anno  
Domini 1745 in the Eighteenth Year of his  
Majesties Reign William Parsons George

Dennison Daniel Witham Select Men  
Exor p. Glocester May 16<sup>th</sup> 1745 Pursuant  
to the within written Warrant I have notified  
the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of  
Glocester qualified by Law for Voting to as-  
semble at the Time & Place for the Purpose  
mentioned in this Warrant by setting up  
Notifications on each Meeting House

Anthony Bennett Constable.  
At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Glocester qualified by Law for  
Voting on the thirteenth Day of May A.D. 1745  
Mr William Parsons was chosen to represent  
the Town in the next Generall Court to be  
holden at Boston on Wednesday the twenty  
ninth Day of May Current under the Re-  
gulation of the Select Men & afterward

Mr William Parsons was chosen Moderator  
Voted that Mr Parker Sawyer be accepted to serve  
in the Office of Constable instead of Mr Natha-  
niel Allen chosen Constable at the last Anni-  
versary March Meeting & the said Nathaniel  
Allen be allowed the Same Privilege as if  
he served in Person. Attest  
Daniel Witham Town Cler.

At a Meeting of the qualified Inhabitants  
of Glocester on 14<sup>th</sup> Day of June A.D. 1745

Joseph Tarboor Andrew Woodberry &  
Nymphars Stacy were to serve on the petite  
Jury at the next Inferior Court & to be  
holden at Salem in the County of Essex

Exor p. To either of 4 Constables of Glocester  
Greeting In his Majesties Name you are  
required to notify and warn the Freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of Glocester qualified to  
Vote to assemble and meet together at the  
old Meeting House in s. Town on Monday  
the 22<sup>d</sup> of this Instant July at two of the  
Clock in the Afternoon to grant a Rate for  
Defraying the Necessary Charges of the Town  
the Current Year and make timely Return  
of your Doings hereon Dated at Glocester  
on 18<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1745

William Ellery William Parsons

Daniel Witham Select Men  
of Glocester.



Essex. Co. Gloucester July 22. 1745 Pursuant to  
the within written Warrant I have notified  
the Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
to assemble at the Time and Place and for  
the Purposes within mentioned by setting up  
Notifications as usual Parker Sawyer Constable

At a meeting of the Freeholders &  
Other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Vot-  
ing on the twenty Second Day of July AD. 1745

Cap: James Davis Moderator.

£ 260 Voted that a Rate amounting to two Hund-  
Red and Sixty Pounds in Bills of the old Tenor  
parts be levied on the Polls and Estates of the  
Inhabitants of this Town for Defraying the  
necessary Charges arising within the Town  
the year Current. Attest: Daniel Witham Collector

At an Anniversary Meeting of the  
Freeholders and other Inhabitants of G. Locs:  
qualified for Voting on the Eleventh Day  
of March. A. Dom. 1745/6

Mr William Parsons Moderator

Messrs Samuel Griffin junr Aaron Riggs  
and Mark Parsons were chosen Monitors

Daniel Witham was chosen Clerk Clerk

Messrs James Pearson John Benet Luke Constable  
Morgan & Jonathan Norwood were  
chosen Constables

Daniel Witham Town Treasurer Treasr

Messrs John Parsons Daniel Witham William  
Ellery William Haskell & James Davis Select men  
Select Men

Voted that the Select Men bring in their  
Account to the anniversary March Meeting

Messrs Benjamin Boynton Jonathan Wallis Tything men  
Benjamin Tarboock Josiah Chote Fran: men  
cis Sargent were chosen Tything men

Messrs John Sawyer Samuel Steven junr Surveyors  
William Davis Henry Witham Daniel Surveyors  
Smith Antony Banet Isaac Wharfe

David Stanwood John Robberd junr high way

Thomas Puleifer Isaac Eveleth junr high way

William ~~Surveyors of high Way~~

Norwood & John Tucker were Chosen  
Surveyors of high Wayes

Messrs John Hadley Daniel Haskell and Sealers of Leather  
Ebenezer Hollins Leather

Messrs John Prince John Comey & Sealers of Wood  
John Stevens Wood

Messrs John Prince & Samuel Stevens Surveyors of Lumber  
junr Surveyors of Lumber

Messrs Peter Doliver Robert Burnam measurers

Parker & Measurers of Salt  
and Corn. Parker

Voted that the Swine may go at Large Large

Benjamin Boynton Samuel Hadden Hog

James Hardy William Davis David Harris Hog

Doen Jonathan Riggs & Jonathan Fellows

And Thomas Oakes were chosen Hogreaves.

Capt Isaac Eveleth & William Honeybush Deer  
were chosen to take Care of the Act concerning Deer. see 47

Lieut Thomas Allen Capt William  
Ellery & Parker Sawyer Fence Viewers



*Field Drivers* Jacob Randal & Antony Benet were  
*Division* chosen *Field Drivers*.

*School to move* Voted the School circulate as formerly  
 for three Years more after the Present Circu-  
 lation is over.

*to be proportioned among* Voted the Select Men proportion the Time  
 that Each Division is to have in the Circu-  
 lation of the School according to the last Years  
 Rate of the Town

*select men to petition for* Voted that the Select Men Petition the  
 Generall Court for More Money for the  
 Buying Ammunition for the Battery, &  
 for finishing thereof.

Ex<sup>o</sup> J<sup>o</sup>. To either of the Constables of Glo-  
 ceater Greeting In his Majesty's Name  
 You are required to notify the Freeholders &  
 other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for  
 Voting to assemble at the old Meeting House  
 in said Town on Monday the nineteenth Day  
 of May instant at one of the Clock in the  
 Afternoon to choose one or more meet Per-  
 son or Persons to represent them in the  
 great & Generall Assembly to be holden at  
 Boston on the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant; To grant a  
 Town Rate; To choose any Town Officer that  
 may be wanting, and to pass upon the  
 Treasurers Account if ~~they~~ they see Cause  
 and to hear any Petitions that may be  
 offered and grant them if they see Cause  
 and make timely Return of your Doing  
 hereon Glouc<sup>r</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> 1746

Will<sup>m</sup> Ellery W<sup>m</sup> Haskell Dan<sup>l</sup> Witham  
 Select Men

Ex<sup>o</sup> J<sup>o</sup>. Glouc<sup>r</sup> May 19<sup>th</sup> 1746 Pursuant to  
 this Within written Warrant I have no-  
 tified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
 of Gloucester qualified for Voting to meet  
 at Time & Place & for the Purposes here  
 in mentioned Parker Sawyer Constable

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting on the nineteenth Day of May A.D. 1746 Mr. William Parsons was chosen to represent the Town in the great Generall Court to be holden at Boston on y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Instant under the Regulation of the Select Men

Cap<sup>t</sup> James <sup>Davis</sup> was chosen Moderator

John Benet Thomas Allen jun<sup>r</sup> and John Allen were chosen to tell the Votes of the Meeting

Voted that the Select Men make up Accounts with the Town Treasurer and make Report at the next Town Meeting

Voted that the Sum of three hundred & fifty Pounds be levied on the Polls and Estates within this Town as a Tax for defraying the necessary Charges thereof in Bills of the old Tenor.

Upon the Petition of Ebenezer Day shewing that he was put to the ~~Expense~~ Difficulty of gathering the Province Tax of y<sup>e</sup> preceding year and that preceding years Tax was committed to him after he had gathered great Part of the Taxes of that year wherein he served Constable & praying some Allowance

Voted that Ebenezer Day be allowed three pounds old Tenor in Consideration of his Hardship he underwent by having the said Province Tax of preceding year committed to him to be collected.

Upon their Petition

Voted That

Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> Thomas Allen Abraham Davis William Ellery John Benet W<sup>m</sup> Tucker Andrew Reggs William Allen Nicholas Knechtville Jacob Lurvey John Low Benj<sup>m</sup> Foster Jon<sup>s</sup> Brown & Zerahabel Allen Jacob Randall Nymphas Stacy & Samuel Hodgkins jun<sup>r</sup> may fit up the old Town School House within Twelve Months and improve it for a School provided it be done within twelve Months and they allow Liberty for the com<sup>on</sup> School of the Town to be kept in it if the Town want and desire it

The Petition of Jonathan Norwood praying to be releafed from serving in the Office of Constable was rejected & denied



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<sup>1</sup> Fellow Jonathan Nonwood having refused to take the Oath of Constable Jonathan Fellows was chosen to serve in said Office

Messrs: Jacob Haskell and Timothy Day were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls & Cap<sup>t</sup> Charles Byles was chosen to serve on the Grand Jury at the next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Ipswich on the first Tuesday of June next.

A Petition of Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Sargent praying for Allowance for serving as a Committee in building the old Meeting House in Year 1700. was rejected.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting on the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of December A.D. 1746

Grand Jury Messrs Nathaniel Sargent and William Young were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury  
 and Messrs Joseph Joseph Sayward and Nathaniel Rust were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next inferior Court of Common Pleas & generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Salem on the last Tuesday of this Instant December

Daniel Witham Town Clerk

Epicls

To either of the Constables of Gloucester in the County of Essex Greeting  
 In his Majesties Name You are required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified for Voting to assemble and meet together at the old Meeting House in said Town of Gloucester on Tuesday the Third Day of March next at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon to choose Town Officers for the Year ensuing; to know whether the Swine shall go at large or not; To hear and grant if they see Cause any Petition that may be offered; and to confirm any High Way that may be laid out according to Law Dated at Gloucester the ninth Day of February A.D. 1746/7

W<sup>m</sup> Haskell  
 James Davis  
 John Parfones  
 W<sup>m</sup> Elmer Select Men

Glocest<sup>r</sup> March 3 1746, By Vertue  
of this Warrant, I have warned the Free-  
holders and other Inhabitants, of this Town  
qualified for Voting to assemble and  
meet together at the Time and Place  
and for the Purposes herein mentioned

John Bennet Constable

At An Anniversary Meeting of the  
Freeholders and other Inhabitants, of Glo-  
cester, qualified for Voting on the third  
Day of March A.D. 1746,

Cap: James Davis Moderator  
Josiah Choate Jonathan Brown and  
Antony Bennet were chosen Monitors.

Voted nemine Contradicente, that there be  
a Constable in every Precinct.

Andrew Woodberry Nathaniel  
Haskell John Hale & Samuel Allen  
were chosen Constables

Daniel Wilham M<sup>r</sup> John Parsons  
William Haskell Cap: James Davis  
& William Allen were chosen Select  
Men.

Daniel Wilham was chosen Clerk  
and Town-Treasurer. Dane Capt.  
Samuel Hadden John Dane Capt.

William Haskell Thomas Saville &  
Joshua Riggs were chosen Tything Men

William Davis Eliezer Survey  
Parker Sawyer Caleb Pool Ezekiel  
Woodward, Samuel Hadden Joseph

Hibbard Ebenezer Day David Has-  
kell Samuel Griffin jun<sup>r</sup> William Nor-  
wood James Stanwood Samuel Hodgkin  
jun<sup>r</sup> Antony Bennet & Isaac Whaaff were

chosen Surveyors of high Wayes  
Lieut. Thomas Allen Jacob Randall &  
Nymphas Stacy were chosen Fence Viewers

Samuel Stevens jun<sup>r</sup> Solomon Par-  
sons Ebenezer Collins William Honeybuss  
James Dyke Thomas Yorke Job Davis  
Jacob Randall & Jedidiah Davis were  
chosen Hogreeves.

Voted that the Swine go at large



Joseph Farboox & Samuel Stevens jun<sup>r</sup> were chosen Measurers of Boards Plank & And Survey<sup>r</sup>s of Shingles & Timber &c.

John Prince Samuel Stevens jun<sup>r</sup> & Jedidiah Davis were Chosen Sealers of Wood.

Upon the Account brought in by the Select Men according to the Vote of the last Anniversary March Meeting

Voted that the Said Select Men for y<sup>e</sup> last year be allowed ten Shillings s<sup>d</sup>l<sup>d</sup> Senior per Day for their Service as Select Men.

Upon the Petition of John Robberts & others, in behalf the western precinct praying that they may be released from mending Some Part of the high Ways within the said Precinct

Voted that this Petition ly for further Consideration.

Upon the Petition of Nathaniel Sargents praying the Town to Sell him Such Part of the Watch House Neck as lyes without the Fence of those who have improved said Neck as may be Spared & not in comode the Way or Ways

Voted that this Petition be granted & that the Select Men view & bound out what may be Spared in the said Place near his Wharfe.

On the Petition of Jonathan Norwood praying that the Town would remit the whole or Part of his Fine for not Serving in the Office of Constable last Year he having Given a Note for it to the Town Treasurer

Voted that the Town Treasurer give up to the said Jonathan Norwood the promissory Note of Stand he has given for his afores<sup>d</sup> Fine for Not Serving in the Constable's Office.

Upon the Petition of Robert Pool praying the Town to give him Land behind Glomon Ingersoll's House to Set an House where the Ways meet

Voted that this Petition be so far granted that the Select Men allow the said Robert Pool What may be Spared in the said Place.

Upon the Petition of John and Solomon Parsons praying for Liberty to keep two Gates upon the high Way between their Houses and fresh Water Cove in order to improve their Land there being no Water in a dry Time betwixt the high Way and the Sea.

Voted that this petition be granted during the Towns Pleasur.

Attest Daniel Wilkies Clerk

The select Men having viewed that Part of the Watch House Neck which is referred to in Nathaniel Sargent's Petition to the last Anniversary Town Meeting are of Opinion that the said Nathaniel Sargent have that Part of the Hill which is adjoining to his Wharfe and Stokes and is without the Fence allowing a Way thirty two feet wide, for five Pounds old Tenor Upon the Payment whereof he is to have all that which is without the Fence except said thirty two feet in Breadth both Ways viz to Woodward's Wharfe & the Battery confirmed to him Good.

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1747 James Davis William Phelps

Attest John Parsons

Select Men of  
Glocester

Epsom To either of the Constables of Glocester  
Greeling

In his Majesties Name you are required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Glocester in the County of Epsom qualified for Voting to assemble and meet at the old Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the Twelfth Day of May Instant at one of the Clock in the Afternoon to choose one or more meet Person or Persons to represent them in the great and Generall Court to be holden at Boston on the twenty seventh Day of May instant. To grant a Town Rate, to Choose any Town Officer that may be wanting or accept any other in the Room of them that have been already chosen



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Chosen, and make Timely Return of your  
Doings herein Dated at Gloucester this  
first Day of May A.D. 1747 Daniel Wilham  
William Allen, William Haskell Select Men

Essex Co. May 11<sup>th</sup> 1747 I have notified and warned  
the Inhabitants of Gloucester to meet at the  
Time and Place & for Reasons mentioned  
in his Warrant. Nathaniel Haskell Constable

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and o-  
ther qualified Inhabitants of Gloucester  
on the twelfth Day of May A.D. 1747.

Mr William Parsons was chosen to repre-  
sent the Town in the great and Generall  
Court to be holden at Boston 27<sup>th</sup> instant  
under the Regulation of the Select Men

afterwards  
Capt James Davis was chosen Moderator.

Voted that Mr Parker Sawyer be accepted  
to serve Constable for and instead of Andrew  
Woodberry chosen to that Office at the last  
Anniversary March Meeting.

A Petition of David Plumer, Abraham  
Davis Joshua Riggs Jedidiah Davis Samu-  
el Allen Isaac Wharff James Hamwood  
Nath<sup>l</sup>. Day & David & John

Bennet praying that the Town would  
give them the Land that can be spared  
between William Riggs House and the  
House belonging to the Heir of Mark Davis  
dec<sup>d</sup> that lies on the Easterly Side of the  
high Way between Said Houses, read &

Voted that this Petition be so far grant-  
ed that the Petitioners and as many o-  
thers as will joyn them have Liberty  
of Room to build a School House upon  
the Said Place provided they do it within  
two Years from this Day not infringing  
in any former Grant and the Select  
Men are to bound it. After much De-  
bate

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned  
to the twenty Eighth Instant at two of  
the Clock in the Afternoon and that  
the

the Select Men make up with the  
Confessably before that Time

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Gloucester qualifying for Voting  
by Adjournment on the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May  
AD. 1747.

After much Debate concerning a Town  
Rule Voted that the Meeting be dissolved.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and  
other qualified Inhabitants of Gloucester  
called by Constable Sawyer by Virtue of  
a warrant from the Clerk of the Superior  
Court for Choosing Jurors for Ipswich  
Court. on the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1747  
Capt. James Davis Moderator

Capt. James Davis & Isaac Ecolath were  
chosen to serve on the Grand Jury  
Mr. David Pinner & Mr. William Stevens of the last precinct  
were chosen to serve on the Jury of vicinage  
at the next Superior Court of Judicature  
to be holden at Ipswich.

The Petition of John Allen for Some  
Lands at the Head of the Lane going  
from the old Meeting House to Hookin  
Cherry ~~and~~ to build an  
House on was granted provided he  
builds within two years and the Select  
Men are to determine who may be  
expared. turn to page 209

Voted the Grant of the old School  
House to Joseph Allen Esq. 4<sup>th</sup> on the  
19<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD 1746 be continued  
for twelve Months longer for the Per-  
formance of the Conditions granted.



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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified for  
Voting on the thirteenth Day of July Anno  
Domini 1747 according to Warrant

Cap<sup>t</sup>. James Davis Moderator  
Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Jonathan Norwood Thomas Allen  
jun<sup>r</sup> & Solomon Davis were chosen to tell  
the Votes

Voted that the present Treasurer have  
Seventy Pounds old Tenor for Service as  
Treasurer the last Six Years.

Voted that there be a Tax or Rate  
levied upon the Polls and Estates in  
this Town amounting to the Sum of  
one hundred and ten pounds of the  
last Emission for Defraying the necessary  
Charges of the Town.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Ebenezer Pool Hubbard Haskell and  
Solomon Parsons were chosen to serve  
on the Petit Jury at the next inferior  
Court & Court of General Sessions of the  
Peace to be holden at Salem on the second  
Tuesday of July Instant.

Voted that John Allen have granted  
to him all the Land that in the Judgments  
of the select Men can be spared at the  
Head of the Land that was formerly his  
Father's near the Gate going down to Hoag-  
kins's Ferry Attest Daniel Witham Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Gloucester On Thursday  
Twenty fourth Day of December Anno  
Domini 1747

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John Pool and Samuel Griffen Jun<sup>r</sup>  
were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury  
and William Norwood Jabez Boker  
Jun<sup>r</sup> & Jonathan Gilbert were chosen to  
serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the  
next inferior Court and Generall Session  
of the Peace to be holden at Salem in  
for the County of Essex.

Essex. Glouc<sup>r</sup>. ss. To the Constable or Constables  
of Gloucester or Either of them Greeting

In his Majesties Name you are required  
to notify and warn the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Gloucester Legally qualified for  
Voting in Town Affairs to assemble and meet  
together at the Meeting House in the fourth  
Parish in Gloucester being the old Meeting House  
in said Town on Tuesday the first Day of  
March next at nine of the Clock in the After-  
noon in Order to choose Town Officers for the  
Ensuing Year; To Confirm any high Way or  
Wayes laid out by the Select Men or their Order.  
To contrive some proper and better Men-  
sures for Maintaining the Poor of this Town  
and to exchange Land with Mr Parker  
Sawyer to enlarge the burying Place and  
make timely Return of your Doing herein  
Dated at Gloucester On the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of February  
AD 1747 William Haskell James Davis

John Parsons Select Men of Gloucester

Gloucester Feb<sup>r</sup> 15. 1747 By Vertue  
of this Warrant I have warned the Free-  
holders and other Inhabitants of this Town  
legally qualified for Voting to meet at the  
Time and Place & for the Purposes herein  
mentioned by Setting up Notifications on  
the severall Meeting Houses in this Town  
(by Mr Parker Sawyer Constable.

At an Anniversary Town Meeting  
held in Gloucester on the first Day of  
March Anno Domini 1747/8

Capt James Davis Moderator  
Isaac Parsons Joseph Luskien & Jona-  
than Norwood were chosen Monitors



Clerk Daniel Witham was chosen Clerke  
 Constables Hubbard Haskell Joseph Hibbard  
 Benjamin Lane & Nathaniel Day were  
 chosen Constables

Select Men Daniel Witham Esq<sup>r</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Parsons Willi-  
 am Haskell William Allen & Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis  
 were chosen Select Men

Voted that the Select Men take Care of the  
 Poor as formerly they used to do.

Treasur. Daniel Witham Esq<sup>r</sup> was chosen Town Treasurer

Tything Men Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Sawyer John Stevens  
 Daniel Haskell and Adam Wilman Am:  
 brose Vinson & Jodidiak Davis were  
 chosen Tything Men

Survey<sup>r</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Sargent Caleb Pool Nymphas  
 Stacy Joseph Littlehale Benjamin Averill  
 James Sawyer Peter Coffin Charles Byles  
 Luke Morgan Jonathan Norwood Caleb  
 Woodberry Antony Benet & Samuel Hodg-  
 kins and Isaac Whaaff were chosen  
 Surveyors of high Ways.

Hog<sup>r</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Parker Sawyer, Isaac Parsons, Ebenezer  
 Witham, Josiah Choate, Abner Day, Jo-  
 nathan Norwood Antony Benet & Joshua  
 Riggs were chosen Hogreeces

Sealers of Leather Samuel Parsons and Daniel Haskell  
 were chosen Sealers of Leather

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Zembabel Allen Parker Sawyer and  
 Jacob Rendal were chosen Bench Viewers.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Prince Joseph Tarboox  
 Samuel Griffin Jun<sup>r</sup> & Ebenezer Day  
 were chosen Sealers of Wood.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Stevens & Ebenezer Day  
 were chosen to prosecute Breaches of  
 Law concerning Deer

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Tarboox Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 William Stevens and Samuel Griffin  
 were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted that the Swine may go at large  
 Voted that the Select Men be a Committee  
 to exchange Some Land with Parker  
 Sawyer for Enlarging the Burying Place  
 if they see Cause And Report to the Town  
 for Acceptance of <sup>what</sup> they shall do in that  
 Affair.

A Petition of Ebenezer Day pray<sup>r</sup> Abatement  
 of Monis Somes & Jonathorn Day his Sons  
 Rates  
 was granted.

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Essex Co. To either of the Constables of  
Gloce<sup>r</sup>. } Gloucester in the County of Essex greeting

In his Majesty's Name You are required  
to notify and warn the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified  
for Voting to assemble and meet together  
at the Meeting House in the fourth Parish  
in Said Gloucester on Monday the Sixteenth  
Day of May instant at one of the Clock in  
the afternoon to chuse one or more Free-  
holders according to the Directions of the  
Law to represent them in the great and  
generall Court to be holden at the Court  
House in Boston on the twenty fifth Day  
of May instant; To grant a Rate for  
defraying the necessary Town Charges;  
To chuse or accept in the Room of any  
already chosen any Town Officers that  
may be wanting; To Confirm any high  
Way or Wages or private Way laid out by  
the Select Men or their Order and make  
Truely Return of your Doings herein  
Dated at Gloucester on the fifth Day of  
May A.D. 1748. James Davis

John Parsons Daniel Witham Select Men  
of Gloucester

Essex Co. Gloucester May 4<sup>th</sup> 1748 Pursuant  
to this Warrant I have notified and  
warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of Gloucester qualified for Voting to meet at  
Time and Place and for the Purposes herein  
mentioned by setting up Notifications on the  
public Meeting Houses. Joseph Heberd Constable

**A Meeting of the Freeholders &  
other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified  
for Voting on the sixteenth Day of May  
A.D. 1748**

Capt James Davis was chosen To re-  
present the Town in the great and ge-  
nerall Court to be holden at Boston on  
the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant under the Direction of  
the Select Men. after ward

Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> was chosen Moderator. &  
William Elwell William Norwood and  
Joshua Riggs were chosen to tell the Votes



P. Sawyer  
Constable  
for this  
Haskell

Voted that Parker Sawyer be accepted  
to Serve in the Office of Constable in Stead  
of Hubbard Haskell chosen to that Office at  
the last Anniversary March Meeting

Ben Lane  
dismissed  
from serv-  
ing Constable

Voted that Benjamin Lane chosen  
Constable at the last anniversary March Meet-  
ing be dismissed from Serving in that Office  
this Year on Account of a Wound in his  
Wrist.

S. Griffin  
Constable

Samuel Griffin the Third was chosen  
Constable in the place of said Lane.

800 L  
Town  
Rate  
granted

Voted a Tax or Rate of Eight hundred Pounds  
in Bills of old Tenor be levied on the Polls  
and Estates within this Town for defraying  
the necessary Charges of Town.

Way  
from  
Goose  
Cove to  
Turkey  
woodcock  
cove

Voted that a Way laid out by Cap: Nathaniel Ellery and James Davis from the Head  
of Goose Cove two Rods wide and as it is  
now fenced out to the Western End of the Wood  
Lott N<sup>o</sup> 117 belonging to John Tucker lying  
in the Western Division of Wood Lott be  
confirmed.

Way  
over  
Rusts  
Land  
confir-  
med

Voted That a Way laid out by William Has-  
kell & others in the following Words viz  
" Gloucester January 15<sup>th</sup> 1747/8 Then laid  
out a high Way by the Select Men thro the  
Land that was formerly Nathaniel Rusts  
beginning at Nathaniel Bray, Bound  
of his Land adjoining to said Land South  
easterly to said Rusts Barn so running from  
a White Oak near said Barn to a Rock near  
the Line between said Rusts Land and  
Land belonging to Joseph Killam join  
to said Killams Land as the Way goes to  
fresh Water Cove as also  
from said Barn South Westerly so far  
as in to Deacon William Haskell Wood  
Lott of Land Both these Ways are laid  
out two Poles Wide bounded with Rocks  
& Stones on them till you come to said  
Haskells Land Then a Stake with Stones  
by them on Each Side of the Way William Haskell  
John Parsons William Allen  
be confirmed for a private Way

Capt Isaac Eveleth & Mr William Haskell  
were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury at  
the next Court of Assize & Generall Goal Lie-  
dew to be holden at Ipswich  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Peter Coffin John Haskell and  
Samuel Herrick were chosen to serve  
on the petit Jury at next Superior  
Court

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Court is to be holden at Ipswich

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town We have laid out to John Allen what Land may be spared at the Head of the Lane going down to Hodgkins Ferry in Two Pieces. One on the Southerly Side of the Way to the Ferry bounded at the Corner of the Wall belonging to the Heirs of John Allen dec: and thence running Westerly to the Gate being a three Corner'd Piece: On the Southerly and Westerly Side bounded by the Stone Wall: The other Piece on the northerly Side of said Way to the Ferry leaving of said Way three Rods Wide at its Entry and the full Width at its Gate as laid out in a Course of the Wall belonging to the Heirs of John Allen aforesd deceased till it comes to a post in the Stone Wall belonging to Nehemiah Allen, the high Way to Rings Mill going on the Easterly Side, and Way between the two Pieces goes to the Gate leading to the Ferry. And the Fence on the northerly Side of ~~the northerly Piece~~ Westerly Side of ~~the northerly Piece~~ belonging to Nehemiah Allen is the Bounds of this Northerly reserved more Room for high Way when Wanted God's April 25<sup>th</sup> 1748 William Marshall

James Davis  
William Allen Select  
Men of Gloucester

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting on the Eighth Day of July A.D. 1748 Messrs. Jacob Randal Joseph Sargent jun<sup>r</sup> & Daniel Smith were chosen to serve upon the petit Jury at the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace and in Senior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem the Second Tuesday of July instant.

Essex Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Gloucester Greeting You are hereby required in his Majesty's Name to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester aforesaid to assemble and meet together in the old Meeting House on Tuesday the Seventh Day



Anno R. Reg. Georgij 2<sup>d</sup> 22<sup>o</sup>. 1749

The Seventh Day of March next Enſuing at  
nine of the Clock on Said Day to chooſe  
Town Officers for the Year enſuing & to  
confirm any High Wayes and to chooſe a  
Committee if they ſee Cauſe in Order to  
ſettle the Lirle between Ipfwich and Glo-  
ceſter and do any other Buſineſſ that  
may be tho't proper at Said Meeting  
Gloceſter February y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1748/9

William Haſkell James Davis John  
Parſons William Allen Select Men  
Exe<sup>cs</sup> of Gloceſter March y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1748/9 I have  
notified the Freeholders and other Inhabi-  
tants of Gloceſter qualified for Voting to  
aſſemble and meet at the Time and  
Place and for the Purpoſes herein men-  
tioned Parker Sawyer Conſtable

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inha-  
bitants of Gloceſter qualified for Voting on  
the ſeventh Day of March AD 1748/9

Capt James Davis Moderator  
Nicholas Bray Daniel Smith and John  
Briever were choſen Monitors  
Clerk Daniel Witham Eſq<sup>r</sup> was choſen Town Clerk  
Conſtable<sup>or</sup> Ebenezer Bowman William Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Abner Day & Benj<sup>a</sup> Wheeler Jun<sup>r</sup> were  
choſen Conſtables.

Meſſ<sup>rs</sup> John Parſons Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup>  
William Allen Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis &  
Mr William Haſkell Select Men

Treſurers  
Overſeers of poor  
Tything men  
Mr William Allen  
Meſſ<sup>rs</sup> John Robbarts and Samuel Stevens  
John  
John Stevens Jedidah Davy Jeremiah  
Parſons Thomas Saville & Ebenezer Pool  
Tything Men

Surveyors  
Meſſ<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Pearſe William Davis Par.  
Parker Sawyer Henry Witham Joſeph Lit-  
tlehale John Sargent Antony Benet  
Isaac Wharfe Samuel Plumer Isaac  
Eveleth Jun<sup>r</sup> Luke Morgan John Haſ-  
kell and Ebenezer Day Surveyors of  
high Wayes. William Morwood &  
Samuel Griffin Jun<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup>  
Surveyor of high Wayes

16<sup>o</sup> Reg Georgii 2<sup>d</sup> 22<sup>o</sup> AD 1749 211

Mess<sup>r</sup> Thomas Allen Parker Sawyer  
and Nymphas Steay ~~Senell~~  
: Viewers

Mess<sup>r</sup> Solomon Parsons and Daniel Has =  
: hell ~~Scalen of Lathen~~

Mess<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Grover Joseph Coward Francis  
Sargent Antony Benet & John Prince  
: Hoggreeves.

Mess<sup>r</sup> Samuel Stevens jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Tarbox  
& Samuel Griffin 3 Survey<sup>r</sup>s of Lumber.

Mess<sup>r</sup> John Prince Samuel Griffin jun<sup>r</sup>  
Samuel Rust and Nathaniel Kinsman  
: Scalen of Wood

Mess<sup>r</sup> Luke Morgan & Benjamin Cunningham  
were chosen to prosecute the Law concerning  
Deer

Voted that Mr Timothy Day be accepted  
to serve in the Office of Constable in  
the Room of his Son Abner Day

At the <sup>supra</sup> Request of William Tucker jun<sup>r</sup>  
the Vote choosing him Constable was  
reconsidered

Voted that the Exchanging the Land  
with Mr Parker Sawyer for enlarging  
the Burying Place be left to the  
Select Men

A Petition of Penima Millet pray-  
ing for the old School House to  
be given her was granted provided.  
She remove the said Stamp of the  
Meeting House Green

Voted that the Swine may go at large  
Upon the Petition of Mr Nathaniel  
Allen praying that the Town would  
give him or sell him part of the  
Watch <sup>House</sup> Neck adjoining to the Battery

Voted that the Select Men View  
the Land petitioned for and Report  
what they think proper to be done  
thereon at the next Meeting of the Town



A private Way from Cripple Cove to Pebble  
stone described as follows

At a Meeting of the Select Men October  
19<sup>th</sup> 1748 Ordered that Messrs John Par-  
sons & Daniel Witham be a Committee to  
lay out a private Way from Cripple Cove  
so called to Pebble Stone Beach so called  
if they see Cause agreeable to the Petition  
of Judith Sanders &c

Dan Witham Town Clerk

Gloaster Decemb<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1748

Then laid out by the Select Men's Order  
a high Way Beginning at the high Way  
that leads to eastern Point near m<sup>r</sup> Joseph  
Saywards House Bounded on the South  
West on Land formerly laid out to George  
Stover running southeasterly it being  
two Poles and an Half wide at this  
End till it comes to the End of the Ledge  
of Rocks at the eastern Corner Bound  
of said Land Thence southeasterly and  
southerly bounded by the Stone Wall  
formerly Elder James Saywards Pasture  
fence till it comes to Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas  
Sanders's Pasture ~~End~~ This Way  
is allowed to be two Poles wide every  
Where and as much more as is needfull  
for to pass with a Cart where the Rocks  
hinder going along by the Wall

John Parsons

Daniel Witham by

Order of the Select Men "

was confirmed by Vote of the said Meeting

Voted that there be given Liberty  
to set up sufficient Gates upon the  
Way above confirmed during the Town  
Pleasure

Voted that this Meeting be adjourn-  
ed to Tuesday the twenty first of this  
Instant March at one of the Clock in  
the Afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Gloster qualified for  
Voting by Adjournment on y<sup>e</sup> twenty  
first Day of March A.D. 1748

M<sup>r</sup> William Parsons Moderator

Voted Daniel Witham three pounds a year or Clerk &  
& sixteen pounds old Tenor a year as Treasurer for

highway on eastern point

the Time he has served in these Offices.

Samuel Plumer was chosen Monitor  
in the Room of Nicholas Bruy  
who was absent

Voted to reconsider the Vote for Choosing  
Benjamin Wheeler Jun<sup>r</sup> Constable.

Samuel Lane was chosen Constable

James Stanwood was chosen Constable

Isaac Haskell was chosen Hogreeve

Joseph Littlehale and Ambrose Allen  
were chosen Tything Men.

Mr William Haskell Capt Isaac

Everett & Daniel Witham Esq<sup>r</sup> were

chosen to settle the Line between

the Towns of Ipswich & Gloucester

And Directed to settle said Line with  
such of the Inhabitants <sup>of Ipswich</sup> as shall be

appointed by said Town of Ipswich

and if they cannot settle according

to the originall Grants and if they

cannot settle according to said ori-

ginall Grants to make Report to

the Town

John Stevens was chosen Surveyor

of high Ways in Samuel Pearse's

Room who was excused

Voted to accept William Ellwell

to Serve in the Office of Constable

instead of Ebenezer Bowman

The Petition of Nathaniel Allen

praying they would give or sell

him part of the Watch House Neck

as entered the Seventh instant.

the Prayer Whereof is in the following

Words viz

That we are therefore to desire

you'd give or sell the upper Part of

Stage Neck viz from that Part

Which was laid out for the Fort

to the fence which divides said

Neck and as the Fence stands to

adjoin to that Piece which was

sold or given Mr Nathaniel

Sargent Part of which at present

Nov  
1800



is very uneven ground and altogether  
 useless on which your Petitioners would  
 bestow considerable Charge & Labour  
 in Order to make it serviceable to dry  
 Fish on; likewise desires the Privilege  
 to build a Stage adjoining to said  
 Neck and a Way thereto  
 Glo<sup>r</sup> March 17 1748/9

was so far granted that the Select Men  
 value it and bound it and if the said  
 Land or any Part of it be needed to  
 Secure and Defend the Harbour and  
 there be any Occasion to take Gravel  
 from off it it shall be reserved for those  
 Purposes the Select Men to lay out the  
 Places where the Gravel shall be taken  
 from

Gloster Feb 2: 1749 Received of Nathaniel  
 Allen Seventy five Pounds old Ten<sup>r</sup> it being  
 in full Consideration for the Westely Part  
 of the Stage Neck  
 p<sup>y</sup> William Allen Town Treas<sup>r</sup>

We the Subscribers Select Men of Gloucester  
 to whom it was left at the Town Meeting  
 March 17 21 1748/9 to value and bound  
 that Part of the Stage Neck which was  
 then granted to Nathaniel Allen have  
 valued and bounded it as follows viz  
 Beginning at a Savin Bush about ten  
 or fifteen feet from the House belonging  
 to the Battery and thence Easterly along  
 Steep Rock and so to Mr Woodward  
 Fence or the Fence that divides the  
 said Neck and thence along by the fence  
 to Mr Nathaniel Sargents Grants  
 and thence as the Fence stands and the  
 Sea Wall to the first Bound reserving  
 a Convenient Way to the Battery and  
 in Case said Land or any Part of it  
 be needed to Secure And Defend the  
 Town or Harbour or it be wanted  
 to

to lay Timber or Stone on for finish  
 or erecting any Battery or Batteries  
 it is referred for those Purposes. And  
 he may have Liberty to set up a Stage  
 or build a Whorfe and have a Way  
 to it any where between the Battery  
 and the Fence that Divides the Neck  
 and think it to be worth Seventy five  
 Pounds old Tenor.

Dated in Gloucester April 5<sup>th</sup> 1749

James Davis

William Haskell

William Allen

Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup>

Select Men of Gloucester

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and  
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Glo-  
 cester legally qualified for Voting  
 on the fifteenth Day of May A<sup>d</sup>

1749



Joseph Allen Esq. was chosen to represent the Town in the great and Generall Court or Assembly of the Province to be holden at Boston on last Wednesday of May Instant under the Regulation of the Select Men. and after that Capt. James Davis was chosen Moderator.

Voted that a Rate amounting to the sum of Eight Hundred Pounds old Tenor be levied on the Polls and Estate in this Town to defray the Necessary Charges arising within the same the Year Current.

Voted that the Select Men make up with Mr. Ezekiel Woodward for the Rent of the Neck for Time past and report what he is willing to think proper for him to give for it for Time to come to the next Town Meeting.

Messrs. Thomas Allen William Haskell & Capt. Isaac Eveleth were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury.

Messrs. Peter Coffin William Stevens Solomon Parsons & Capt. Charles Byles were chosen on the Jury of Tryals at the next Superior Court & Court of assize to be holden at Ipswich on the Tuesday of June next.

Mr. Ezekiel Woodward was chosen Tything Man.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting on the 10 Day of July A.D. 1749.

Messrs. Jacob Parsons Isaac Wharpe and James Broome were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryals at the next Inferior Court and Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Salem on the Second Tuesday of this Instant July.

Daniel Witham Clerk.

Essex p. To either of the Constables of  
Gloicester Greeting

You are hereby required in his Majesty's Name to notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester aforesaid to assemble and meet together at the old Meeting House in said Town on Friday the twenty second Day of this instant December at ten of the Clock on said Day to hear the Request of Ipswich relating to Chebacco Bridge and to hear the Return of the Committee that was chosen to run the Line between Ipswich and Gloucester and do any other Business that may be thought proper to be done at said Meeting Glouc<sup>r</sup> December 4<sup>th</sup> Sixth 1749 William Staskell

James Davis John Parsons William Allen Select Men of Gloucester.

Gloucester Dec<sup>r</sup> 22. 1749 I have notified and warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town as this Warrant directs by putting up Notifications at the Meeting Houses in the said Town. William Ellwell Constable.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting on the twenty second Day of December Anno Dom. 1749. J<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Moderator

A Letter from the Select Men of Ipswich relating to Chebacco Bridge was read & the Question being put whether they would act thereon it passed in the Negative none voting for the Affirmative

M<sup>r</sup> William Staskell from the Committee appointed to run the Line between Ipswich and Gloucester reported that the Select Men of Ipswich declined to run the Line according to the original Record

Whereupon  
Voted



Voted that Mr William Taskell get  
Mr Foster to run the said  
Line from the oak Tree mentioned in  
the original Record, to Inghalls.

And Messrs Joseph Tarbox and Ebenezer Collins  
were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury  
and Messrs Nathaniel Ellery Junr  
Richard Truc and James Babson  
were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryal  
at the next Generall Sessions of the Peace  
and Court of common Pleas to be holden  
at Salem in & for the County of Essex.  
alld Daniel Witham Town Clerk

Essex To either of the Constables of Gloucester

Greeting  
In his Majesty's Name You are hereby  
Warrant required to notify and warn the Freeholders,  
for and other Inhabitants of the Town of  
meeting Gloucester legally qualified for Voting in  
Town Affairs to assemble and meet together  
at the old Meeting House on Tuesday  
Sixth Day of next March To Choose Town  
Officers for the Year ensuing and to  
see whether the Hog, shall go at large  
and to do any other Business that  
shall be thought proper to be done at  
said Meeting Gloucester February 7  
15<sup>th</sup> 1749/50 William Taskell Sam<sup>l</sup>

Steven, William Allen  
John Parsons Select Men,

Return. Gloc<sup>r</sup> March 7 6<sup>th</sup> 1749/50 I have noti-  
fied the Freeholders and other Inhabi-  
tants of Gloucester as this Warrant  
directs by setting up Notifications  
upon the Meeting Doors in f<sup>r</sup> Town

William Ellwell Constable

Meeting At a meeting of the Freeholders &  
other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified  
for Voting on the Sixth Day of March

Ad 1749/50

Moderator Mr William Parsons Moderator

Monitors Daniel Smith Ebenezer Cleves & Capt  
Charles Byles were chosen to take Votes

Clark Daniel Witham Esq<sup>r</sup> was Chosen Town Clerk

Mr Daniel

Daniel Witham Esq<sup>r</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Parson, <sup>select</sup>  
 William Haskell William Allen and <sup>me</sup>  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis were cho<sup>se</sup>n a select Men.

Mr. Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen  
 Overseer of the Poor.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Isaac Parsons Daniel Smith  
 Joseph Littlehale Caleb Pool Isaac <sup>Benedict</sup>  
 Wharfe Thomas Allen <sup>Anthony</sup> <sup>Summ</sup>  
 Ben<sup>t</sup> Joseph Hebert Nathaniel Haskell <sup>of</sup>  
 Benjamin Robberts Jonathan <sup>high</sup>  
 Norwood and William Norwood <sup>ways</sup>  
 were chosen surveyors of high Ways.

Voted that the sum go at large  
 for the <sup>wellcome</sup> <sup>Zebedee</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>John</sup> <sup>Haskell</sup>  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Am<sup>os</sup> <sup>brose</sup> <sup>Allen</sup> <sup>John</sup> <sup>Brewer</sup> <sup>Ne</sup>  
 Ebenezer <sup>Covey</sup> <sup>William</sup> <sup>Stevens</sup>  
 Thomas Saille & John Hale were  
 chosen St<sup>r</sup> Reeves.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Solomon Parsons Isaac Par- <sup>tylth</sup>  
 sons, George Briggs & Jacob Haskell <sup>ing</sup>  
 Jun<sup>r</sup> were chosen Tything Men <sup>men</sup>.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Sawyer Solomon Parsons, <sup>seal</sup>  
 and Parker Sawyer were chosen <sup>wood</sup>

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ebenezer <sup>Fence</sup> <sup>Wagers</sup> Parsons & Daniel <sup>sealers</sup>  
 Haskell were chosen sealers of Leather <sup>of</sup> <sup>Leather</sup>

Luke Morgan & David Willet <sup>Deen</sup>  
 were chosen to see that the Law concern<sup>ing</sup> <sup>Heavy</sup>  
 Deer be observed.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph <sup>Survey</sup>  
 Tarbox & Samuel Griffin & 3 were <sup>of</sup>  
 chosen Measurers of Timber <sup>Survey</sup> <sup>Survey</sup>  
 of Shingles Board & Lumber.

John Babson David Starwood Jun<sup>r</sup> <sup>Castell</sup>  
 James Haskell & Paul Morgan  
 were chosen Constables.

Given Glad<sup>d</sup> to Daniel Witham Clarke  
 of the Town of Gloucester Greeting <sup>Warning</sup>  
 In his Majesty's Name you are  
 requir<sup>d</sup> to notify and warn the Free-  
 holders and other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup>  
 Town



Town of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
to assemble and meet together at the  
old Meeting House in said Town on  
the fifteenth Day of May instant at  
one of the Clock in the Afternoon  
to choose one or more meet person  
or persons to represent them in the  
great and Generall Court to be holden  
at Boston on the thirtieth of this  
Instant May; to grant a Town  
Rate; and to choose any Town Officer  
that may be wanting; and to hear  
and act upon any Petition that  
may be preferred and make timely  
Return of your Doones herein  
Glos<sup>r</sup> May 3<sup>d</sup> 1750 William Taskell  
John Parsons Daniel Witham Select  
Men.

Sp<sup>er</sup> Jo. Gloucester May y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1750 I have  
warned the Freeholders and other Inha-  
bitants of the Town of Gloucester quali-  
fied for Voting to meet together at  
the Time and Place and for the Pur-  
poses mentioned in the within written  
Warrant by setting up Notifications  
in the usual Place Dan<sup>l</sup> Witham Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified  
for Voting on the fifteenth Day of May  
A.D. 1750

Capt James Davis was chosen to re-  
present the Town in the next Generall  
Court to be holden at Boston on y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
Day of this instant May under the Re-  
gulation of the Select Men. & then  
Mr William Parsons Moderator

Constables William Card and Abraham Robinson  
were chosen Constables

Sealer of Leather  
of Leather  
& Skin  
of Skin  
Allen &c  
John Dane was chosen Sealer of Leather  
A Petition of Thomas Allen William Ellery  
William Allen David Allen Sam<sup>l</sup> Plumer  
Nymphias Stacy & Antony praying Liberty  
for themselves and such others as may  
Join

Joyn<sup>th</sup> them to build a School House  
on the Westermost Side of the high  
Way leading from the Town Bridge ~~to~~  
near the old Meeting House to the Widow  
Reindealls Barn so much of the said  
Ground as the Select Men shall think  
proper may be spared

granted

was so far granted that the Petitioners  
have Liberty to set up an House upon  
the place petitioned for to stand during  
the Towns Pleasure.

A Petition of Thomas Ayres praying  
that they would give or sell him a small  
Piece of Land to set an House upon lying  
between Elisha Corney's House and the  
Clay pit & Land granted to Samuel  
Lee deceased, the Waterside & the high  
Way upon the Eastern Point was so  
far granted <sup>that</sup> the Petitioners have granted him

Thom

Ayres

Petition

What Land may be spared in that  
Place in the Judgment of the Select Men  
not infringing upon any other Grant  
the high Way or Watering place to  
be prized and valued by the Select Men

granted

A Petition of Joseph Clough the Prayer  
whereof was in these following words viz

Joseph

"He therefore Prays you would please to  
grant him a small Bit of Land upon  
the high Way near the Wind Mill where

Clough

"the said Way is more than four Poles  
wide (tho' but little used) whereon to set

granted

"an House" was so far granted that  
the Select Men are appointed to Allow  
and bound Out to the Petitioner What  
can be spared in the Breadth of  
the Way and in Length not exceeding  
Sixty feet, upon a Copy of which Grant  
is ~~expressed~~ written the following Report

viz. Gloucester May 24<sup>th</sup> 1750 We  
the Subscribers have viewed the Land  
petitioned for in this Petition and have  
bounded it by four Stakes on the norther-  
ly side of the Way beginning at the  
Corner of Mr. Stevens Land adjoin-  
ing to Collo. Sargents with a Stake  
& thence running Southerly twenty  
feet.



though

Record

feet to another Stake; thence Westerly  
Sixty feet to another Stake; and thence  
northerly twenty feet; to another Stake  
by Mr Stevens's Wall; and thence Easterly  
Sixty feet to the first mentioned Stake  
Which Quantity may be spared in that  
Place and We value it Worth two Shil-  
lings lawfull Money Dan Witham  
William Haskell James Davis Select Men  
Rec<sup>d</sup> two Shillings the above purchase  
Consideration of Mr William Allen Treasurer

Meeting

Adjourned

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to  
the 24<sup>th</sup> instant at three of the Clock  
in the Afternoon.

Attest Daniel Witham Town Cler

Jurors

Chosen

At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester  
May the twenty first 1750

Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Eveleth Mess<sup>rs</sup> William  
Haskell & Benjamin Haskell were  
chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Adam Welman Ebenezer  
Haskell & Samuel Rust were chosen  
to Serve on the Jury of Tryalls at  
the next Superior Court of Judicature  
to be holden at Ipswich

At a Town held in Gloucester by Adjourn-  
ment on y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD 1750

Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Moderator

Meeting

Adjourned

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourn-  
ed Monday the fourth Day of June  
next at two of the Clock in the af-  
ternoon. Attest Dan Witham Cler.

Robt

Pool

Record

of Map

Lott

marked

Chas<sup>r</sup>

1746/7

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town on y<sup>e</sup>  
third Day of March AD 1746/7 We have bound  
ded a Piece of Land for Robert Pool to set  
an House upon Where the three Ways meet  
behind Solo<sup>r</sup> Ingersoll's House by four  
Stakes the nearest of which is two Poles  
from the Stone Wall: it is twenty eight  
feet Square Glo<sup>d</sup> May y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1750  
Dan Witham William Haskell James Davis  
Select Men

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of Gloucester  
qualified for Voting in the A

the fourth Day of June By Ad<sup>223</sup>  
journalment 1750

Mr. John Pool was chosen Constable  
Voted that a Rate amounting to the  
Sum of One hundred and thirty Pound  
lawfull Money be levied on the Rents  
and Estates within the Township to  
defray the Necessary Charges arising  
within the Same the Year Current  
Voted that the Meeting be further  
adjourned to Monday the eighteenth  
Day of this Instant June at three  
o'Clock in the Afternoon.

At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester on 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of July AD 1750 Capt William Ellery  
Moderator Joseph Lufkin were  
Samuel Morgan & Joseph Lufkin were  
chosen Constables Attest Dan Witham Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified  
for Voting on 9<sup>th</sup> Eighteenth Day of De-  
cember AD 1750

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nathaniel Allen and Jeremiah  
Parsons were chosen to serve on the  
Grand Jury and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Abraham Davis  
John Row & Thomas Row were chosen  
to serve on the Jury of Tryals at the  
next inferior Court to be holden at  
Salcom on last Tuesday of this instant

Attest Daniel Witham Town Clerk  
Essex  
Gloucester J<sup>ts</sup>. To either of the Constables of Glo-

cester in the County of Essex Greeting  
In his Majesty's Name you are re-  
quired to notify and warn the Freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester  
legally qualified for Voting to assemble and  
meet together at the old Meeting House in  
said Gloucester on Tuesday the fifth Day  
of March next at nine of the Clock in the  
Forenoon to choose Town Officers for the en-  
suing Year; To know whether the Swine  
shall go at large or not, and to hear and  
act upon any Petition that may be pre-  
ferred and make timely Return of your  
Doings herein Dated at Gloucester on  
the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of February AD 1750.

William Haskell John Parsons Daniel  
Witham Select Men



Open for Gloucester March the 5<sup>th</sup> 1750,  
I have warned the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
to Assemble at the Time and Place and for  
the Purposes within mentioned by setting  
up Notifications upon the Meeting Houses of  
Each Precinct Samuel Morgan Constable.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
on the fifth Day of March AD 1750.  
Cap<sup>t</sup> William Eltery Moderator.

Voted that Inasmuch as the Snow Storm is  
very violent and few people present the  
Meeting be adjourned to the twelfth instant  
at Ten of the Clock before Noon

At a Meeting by Adjournment on the  
12<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD 1750/

Meeting Mr<sup>r</sup> William Parsons Moderator in the  
Room of Cap<sup>t</sup> William Eltery who was absent  
Monitors Mess<sup>rs</sup> Isaac Parsons Samuel Hidden and  
Moses King were chosen Monitors.

Clerk Daniel Witham Esq was chosen Clerk  
Select Men Mess<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Witham Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup>.  
William Haskell Samuel Griffin Jun<sup>r</sup>  
and William Allen were chosen Select Men

Treasur<sup>r</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> William Allen was chosen Treasurer.

Constables m<sup>r</sup> Elias Elwell was chosen Constable and he  
not appearing being notified John Smith  
~~was chosen~~ George Dennison Samuel  
Ruff and Nehemiah Starwood were chosen  
Constables

Survey<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Norwood, James Pearson Ebenezer  
Grover, John Sargent, Michael Webber,  
high William Elwell Luke Morgan William  
Norwood, Cap<sup>t</sup> William Eltery, John Sawyer  
Wages Antony Benet, William Stevens Ebenezer  
Day & Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyors of  
high Wages m<sup>rs</sup>

Sealers John Dane Samuel Hodgkins and Samu<sup>el</sup>  
Leather = el Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> were chosen Sealers of Leather

Tything m<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Puleifer, Ebenezer Lurvey,  
men Joseph Sargent, David Harraden John  
Hale & Zachary Welton were chosen Tything Men

Overseer m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Overseer  
of the poor

Viewers m<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Allen Solomon Parsons &  
John Roberts Jun<sup>r</sup> were chosen Viewers.  
Viewers

Voted That the Swine may go at large under the Restrictions in the Law.

Swine at large

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Hidden Samuel Griffin Jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Riggs Benjamin Boynton Zebedee Day Robert Day Thomas Allen Jun<sup>r</sup> & Caleb Pool were chosen Hogreeves or to take care that the Law concerning Hogs be complied with

Hogreeves

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Griffin & Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> & John Prince were chosen Corders of Wood.

Wood Corders

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> and Nathaniel Kinsman were chosen Surveyors of Shingles and Lumber

Surveyors of Shingles and Lumber

Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Stevens and Isaac Haskel were chosen to look that the Law concerning Deer be observed.

Deer Keepers

A Petition of Cap Jacob Parsons praying that the Parcel of Land granted to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ebenezer Parsons & the Petitioner on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1737/8 upon certain Conditions might now be granted to this Petitioner was granted Provided he build a Wharfe thereon within two years from this Day

Jacob Parsons Petitioner granted

A Petition of John Pool praying to be considered for not standing Constable in the Year past was dismissed.

John Pool dismissed

A Petition of Jeremiah Robinson praying for some Land where his House stands was so far granted that the Select Men bound out to the said Jeremiah Robinson what Land may be there spared with out hurting the high Way.

J. Robinson granted

Essex.  
Gloucester To any or either of the Constables of Gloucester in the County of Essex Greeting  
You are hereby required in his Majesty's Name to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester legally qualified for Voting to assemble and meet together at the old meeting House in said Town on the sixteenth Day of this instant May  
at ten



at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to Chuse  
any Town Officer that may be wanting  
to allow the Select Mens List of July  
Men: to grant a Rate for defraying the  
Necessary Charges of the Town; and to  
Choose one or more meet Person or Per-  
sons to represent the Town in the next  
great and generall Court to be holden  
at Boston on the last Wednesday of this  
Instant May and make Timely Return  
of your Doings herein Gloucester May 2<sup>d</sup>  
1751 Dan: Wilham Sam: Stevens William

Allen Select Men of Gloucester  
Gloucester May 4<sup>th</sup> 1751 The Subscribers  
have by Vertue of this Warrant warned  
the Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester  
to assemble and meet at the old Meeting  
House for the Purposes within mentioned  
on the Day within mentioned by sellma  
up Notifications on the severall Meetings  
Houses in the Town Nahemiah Stanwood for Job  
At a meeting of the Freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester  
qualified for Voting on the sixteenth Day  
of May A D 1751.

Mod: Mr William Parsons Moderator  
Mess<sup>r</sup> John Dane Zebulun Wilham &  
Hubbard Haskell were chosen Monitors  
Jurors Mess<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Salmon Daniel Gibbs  
and John Parsons were Chosen to serve  
on the Jury of Tryals and  
Grand Jury a Mess<sup>r</sup> William Haskell William Haskell  
jun<sup>r</sup> were Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury  
at the Next Superior Court to be holden at  
Inswich

Constable Thomas Row was chosen Constable  
Rate  
110 L Voted That a Rate or Tax amounting  
granted to the Sum of one hundred and ten  
Pounds be levied by the select Men upon  
the Polls and Estates for defraying the  
Charges arising within this Town  
Name: Mr William Parsons was Chosen to re-  
Sent: present the Town in the next generall  
Twe Court &c

The Select Men having prepared a  
List of Persons they thought proper to serve  
on the Jury of Tryals, Rand offered it  
the said List was allowed and One  
Quarter Part Selected to Serve at the  
Superior Court & Court of Assize.

Upon Gloucester } To the Constable or Constables  
of Gloucester in the County of Essex Greating.

In his Majesty, Name you are required  
to notify and warn the Freeholders &  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Glo-  
cester legally qualified for Voting to  
assemble and meet together at the old  
meeting House in said Town on Thurs-  
day the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June next at  
two of the Clock in the Afternoon to  
choose any Town Officer that may  
be wanting. To hear the Petitions of  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Rogers & Mr Philip  
Webster any other that may be preferred  
and act what they think fit thereon  
and make timely Return of your  
Doings herein Dated at Gloucester  
May 20<sup>th</sup> 1751 Daniel Witham

Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens William Allen Select Men  
of Gloucester June 20<sup>th</sup> 1751 I have  
notified the Freeholders and other Inha-  
bitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
to assemble & meet at the Time and  
Place & for the Purposes herein men-  
tioned by setting up Nofifications upon  
the meeting Houses according to Custom

Samuel Rast Constable

At A Meeting of the qualified Inhabi-  
tants of Gloucester June 20<sup>th</sup> 1751

Mr Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> Moderator  
Samuel Rast Moses King and Thomas  
How Monitors to tell the Votes

Mr Benjamin Tarbooz was chosen Constable



A Petition of Rev. Mr. John Rogers  
praying for Liberty to improve a Small  
Piece of Land on the North Side of the  
Meeting House Green as he has fenced it  
with y<sup>e</sup> Consent of the Select Men and o-  
thers was granted for one year he  
paying one Shilling Acknowledgment.

A Petition of Philip Babson praying  
that the Town would grant him  
a Triangular piece of Land where his  
House is Set Sixty feet on the Norwest-  
terly & Southerly Sides & thirty feet at  
the Eastern End was granted on Condi-  
tion that the Said Philip Babson  
make and execute to the Town a good  
and sufficient Quit Claim of the Way  
twenty four feet wide at the ~~Eastern~~  
~~End~~ Western End & thirty one feet  
wide at the Eastern End between  
the House late Daniel Parson's dec'd &  
Mr. William Parson's new House.

A Petition of Mr. William Allen  
praying for a Piece of Land near his  
House to set a Store House and a Wood-  
House on, was so far granted the  
Petitioner have leave to set up the  
Store House twenty five feet long &  
Sixteen feet wide in the Gravel Pit  
If the Select Men think it proper &  
this Grant do not infringe upon  
any other Grant or Sequestration  
and the petitioner pay what the  
Select Men Judge it Worth for it.

Samuel Griffin & William Haskell  
& Hubbard Haskell were chosen  
to serve on the Jury of Tryals at  
the next inferior Court to be holden  
at Salem.

Essex  
Gloster To either of the Constables of Glo.  
cester in the County of Essex writing

In his Majesty's Name you are required  
to notify and warn the freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of Gloucester legally  
qualified for Voting to assemble  
at the old Meeting House in the fourth  
Parish in Gloucester aforesaid on Wednesday  
the thirty first Day of July instant at  
Two of the Clock in the Afternoon to  
Choose any Town Officer that may  
be wanting and to know whether the  
Town will order the School to circulate  
any more or not and make due  
Return of your Doings herein dated  
at Gloucester on 7<sup>th</sup> Day of July A.D. 1751.  
William Haskell Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens Daniel  
Witham William Allen Select Men of  
Gloucester.

Essex of Gloucester July 31<sup>st</sup> 1751 I have  
warned the Freeholders and other Inhabi-  
tants of Gloucester legally qualified for  
Voting to meet at the Time and Place  
and for the Purposes herein mentioned  
by setting up Notifications on the Meet-  
ing House of the Town Sam<sup>l</sup> Rust Constable  
At a meeting of the Freeholders and  
and other Inhabitants of Gloucester quali-  
fied for Voting on the thirty first Day  
of July A.D. 1751.

Capt William Ellery Moderator  
Mr Robert Honnours was chosen Constable  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> Jabez Ba-  
skers Jun<sup>r</sup> William Atten William Has-  
kell and Capt James Davis were chosen  
to take the Affair of the School into Con-  
sideration & report what they think pro-  
per to be done therein at the Adjourn-  
ment of this Meeting

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned  
to the fourteenth of August next at  
three of the Clock in the Afternoon  
At a Meeting of the qualified Inhabitants  
held in Gloucester by Adjournment  
on 14<sup>th</sup> / fourteenth Day of August 1751.



Joseph Row jun<sup>r</sup> Elixer Lurvey and  
 John Parsons jun<sup>r</sup> were chosen Monitors  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> John Elwell was chosen Constable  
 Robert Honnors having refused Oath  
 Voled That School for the Term of three  
 years next to comence from the Time  
 that We get A School Master and in  
 the Same Places and on the same Terms  
 as heretofore and That the Select Men  
 proportion its Part of Time to Each Di-  
 vision according to the Rates such  
 Division pays to the Town Rate this  
 year.

Attest Daniel Witham Town Cler  
 Epox Glo<sup>ce</sup> sp. To Ethen of the Constables of Gloucester  
 in the County of Epox Greeting

In his Majesty's Name You are required to  
 notify and warn the Freeholden and other  
 Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for  
 Voting to assemble and meet together at the  
 old Meeting House in said in said Town on  
 the sixteenth Day of September at two of  
 the Clock in the Afternoon to choose any  
 Town Officer that may be wanting parti-  
 cularly to Choose or hire a Constable  
 and to know whether they will release  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> John Elwell from the Fine for not  
 serving in the Office of Constable and  
 make Return of your Doings herein  
 Gloucester September 2<sup>d</sup> 1751

William Haskell William Allen  
 Epox sp Gloucester September 16. 1751.

I have warned the Freeholden and other  
 Inhabitants of Gloucester legally qualified for  
 Voting to assemble and meet together at  
 the Time and Place and for the Purposes  
 herein mentioned by putting up Notice  
 according to Custom and as Constable  
 At a Meeting of the Freeholden and other  
 Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
 on the sixteenth Day of September 1751

Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Moderator  
 M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Pool was chosen Constable

Voted That Cap<sup>t</sup> John Elwell be remitted the  
 Fine for not serving in Office of Constable

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned  
to Fryday the twentieth Instant at two  
of the Clock in the Afternoon  
Attest Daniel Witham Town Clerk

At a Town held by the Inhabitants of Glo.  
cester by Adjournment on the twentieth  
Day of September A D 1751.

The Question was put Whether they would  
remit Ctes Pool his Fine for not serv-  
ing in the Office of Constable and it  
passed in the Negative.

Capt Jabez Baker Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Con-  
stable

And Voted That the Meeting be adjourned  
to Monday the thirtieth Instant at one of  
the Clock in the Afternoon  
Attest Daniel Witham Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
by Adjournment on the thirtieth Day of  
September A D 1751

Voted That the Meeting be adjourned to the seventh <sup>Meeting</sup>  
Day of October next at Three of the Clock in the  
Afternoon

At a Meeting by Adjournment on the <sup>meeting</sup>  
Seventh Day of October 1751

Voted That the Meeting be further <sup>adjourned</sup>  
Adjourned to the fourteenth Day of this  
Instant October at Two of the Clock in  
the Afternoon

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other <sup>Meeting</sup>  
Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
by Adjournment on the fourteenth Day  
of October A D 1751

Voted That if Mr Jabez Baker Jun<sup>r</sup> will  
find a Man that will take the Oath of Con-  
stable and perform And Discharge the Of-  
fice of Constable and that Town shall accept  
in his said Jabez Baker Jun<sup>r</sup> his Room That  
he the said Jabez Baker Jun<sup>r</sup> shall be al-  
lowed the Value of Two Constables Fines  
After the said Accepted Constable shall  
have discharged that Trust

Voted That Mr Jabez Baker be ac-  
cepted to Serve in the Office of Constable  
in the Room of Mr Jabez Baker Jun<sup>r</sup>  
aforesaid



At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December A.D. 1751

Messrs James Sawyer and Jonathan Norwood were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury & Josiah Haskell Daniel Smith and Samuel Lane jun<sup>r</sup> to serve on the Jury of Tryal at the next inferior Court to be holden at Malden on the last Tuesday of this Instant December

Epex } To either of the Constables of Gloucester in the County of Epex Greeting

In his Majesty's Name You are required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester qualified for Voting to assemble and meet together at the Meeting House in the fourth Parish or Precinct in Gloucester on Tuesday the third Day of March next at Ten of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> Forenoon for the following Purposes viz

- 1 To Choose Town Officers for the Year ensuing and to determine Whether the first Parish shall have more than one Constable
- 2 To determine Whether the Swine shall go at large
- 3 To give Power to the Select Men to make By Laws
- 4 To Enquire into the State of the Treasury & see what has been paid for the Stages Wack and determine how to lett it out for the future on any other Lands of the Town
- 5 To ~~Resolve~~ Resolve what shall be done with the Meeting House
- 6 To determine Whether they will repair the high Ways by a Rate
- 7 To lett out sundry Pieces of Land belonging to the Town and make due Return of your Doing Herein Gloucester the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of 13<sup>th</sup> 1752. Sam<sup>l</sup> Stevens

Sam<sup>l</sup> Griffin } Select  
Daniel Wilham } Council of Gloucester

I have notified and warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gloucester to assemble and meet together at the Meeting House in the fourth Parish in Gloucester on Tuesday the third Day of March next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon for the Purposes mentioned in the within

within Warrant by Setting up Hole fi-  
cations within every Parish

February 17<sup>th</sup> 1752 Samuel Rust Constable

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
on the third Day of March AD 1752

Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Moderator. Mod.

Cap<sup>t</sup> William Allen was chosen Treasurer Treasurer

Daniel Witham Esq<sup>r</sup> was chosen Clarke Clerk

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Elias Ellwell Joseph Sargent John Con-  
Roberts jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Savill and Jona. sult

than Brown were chosen Constables

Daniel Witham Esq<sup>r</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Stevens jun<sup>r</sup> Select  
William Haskell, Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis and men

Cap<sup>t</sup> William Allen were chosen Select Men.

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Stevens jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Overseer  
of the Poor.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ebenezer Grover Joseph Sayward Joseph  
Littlehale William Stevens Isaac Parsons Survey

Solomon Parsons Samuel Rust Ebenezer High

Day Isaac Haskell Jacob Haskell jun<sup>r</sup> High

Nathaniel Harraden Samuel Lane Sa. Ways

Samuel Plumer Anthony Benet and Joshua

Riggs were chosen Surveyors of High Ways

The Question was put Whether they would refer

repair and mend the high Ways by a Rate to mend

and it pass in the Negative. ways by Rate

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Benjamin Boynton Daniel Smith Tything

Nicholas Bray Samuel Griffin 3 and Men

Moses King were chosen Tything Men

Noted that the Swine go at large under some

the Restrictions of the Law. at large

M<sup>r</sup> Zebedee Day Joseph Tarboor Cap<sup>t</sup> some

William Stevens Thomas Rand, William

Stevens of the West Precinct Benjamin Hogs

Robberty Adoniram Griffin Joseph

Davis Nehemiah Allen Samuel Rand.

Isaac Caleb Tarr & Thomas Dwyer were

chosen Hogsreves.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Allen Solomon Parsons & some

John Low were chosen some Viewers Viewers

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Hadlock & Ebenezer Day some

were chosen to see that the Law relating Deer

to Deer be duly observed. keep

Resolved that the Meeting be adjourned to

Monday next the 11<sup>th</sup> of the instant at twelve  
of the Clock at Noon



At a Town Meeting held in Gloucester by  
Adjournment on the ninth Day of March  
A.D. 1752.

1752. James Davis Moderator

George Riggs & Capt Charles Byles were

chosen Monitors

Map<sup>rs</sup> John Daine Joseph Littlehale and

of leather  
by leather  
leather

Samuel Stevers jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Griffin 2

Joseph Tarboox Nathaniel Kinsman and

Samuel Rust were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

Samuel Rust Nathaniel Kinsman  
Hubbard Haskell John Dane Samuel  
Griffin 3<sup>d</sup> and Isaac Eveleth 3<sup>d</sup> were chosen  
Teachers of the School.

Peter Doliver Thomas Saville and  
Robert Burnam were chosen mea-  
surers of Salt.

Voted That Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Mr John  
 Parsons & Capt Daniel Gibby be a Com<sup>tee</sup> then  
 to lett out the Stage Neck or any other  
 Piece or Pieces of Land belonging to the  
 Town for a Term not exceeding five  
 years.

years.  
Voted that the Town relinquish their  
claim in to the old Meeting House on  
Condition that the Town have Liberty  
to do the Town's Business in the new  
Meeting House that shall be built in  
the Parish where y<sup>e</sup> said old House stands in  
the same Manner that they used to do  
it in the said Old Meeting House

The Question was put whether they would give Joseph Sargent Platt a Constable's Office to Encourage him to serve Constable and it passed in the Negative.

Voted that the Vote Choosing Thomas  
Saville Constable be reconsidered.

Josiah Lane was Chosen Constable  
 Samuel Loughton was Chosen Constable

Voted That the Meeting be further adjourned to the sixteenth instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon

At a Meeting held in Gloucester

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by Adjournment on 4<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Day of March  
AD 1752.

Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Moderator (as before)  
Samuel Laighton Isaac Parsons and  
Ebenezer Witham were chosen Monitors.

Voted That the Fine of Capt Elias Ellwell  
chosen Constable and not Having taken  
the Oath of that Office be remitted.

The Question was put Whether the Vole  
choosing Samuel Laighton Constable be re-  
considered and it pass in the Affirmative.  
Caleb Tarr was chosen Constable.

Voted That the Vote choosing Josiah  
Lane Constable be reconsidered and

Benjamin Wheeler jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen  
Constable. after Debate

The Question was put Whether the  
Committee appointed to let out the Stage  
Wreck and other the Towns Land be dis-  
missed and the Select Men be opposit-  
ed in their Room and it pass in the  
Negative.

Voted That the Meeting be further ad-  
journed to Monday the thirtieth Day  
of March instant, at two o'clock in  
the Afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Qualified Inhabi-  
tants of Gloucester on the thirtieth  
Day of March AD 1752.

Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Moderator, by

Voted That the Select Men be Empowred  
to make By. Laws relating to the Small  
Pox and other infectious Distempers.

~~Voted That the~~ The Question  
was put Whether the Vote choosing Caleb  
Tarr Constable be reconsidered and it  
pass in the Negative.

Voted That if Caleb Tarr will give  
his Note of Hand to pay to the Town  
Treasurer his Fine for not Serving  
in the Office of Constable it shall  
pass for his Turn as if he had served.



Essex Gloucesters. To the Constable or Confeable of the  
 Gloucester in the County of Essex or  
 either of them Greeting.

In his Majesty's Name You are required  
 to notify and warn the Freeholders and  
 other Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for  
 Voting according to Law to assemble and  
 meet together at the Meeting House in  
 the fourth Parish in Gloucester aforesaid on the <sup>Monday</sup>  
 eighteenth Day of May instant at twelve  
 of the Clock at Noon to choose one or more  
 meet Person or Persons qualified according  
 to Law to represent them in the Great  
 and Generall Court to be holden at London  
 for his Majesty's Service on the Twenty  
 seventh Day of this Instant May.

To grant a Town Rate for defraying  
 the necessary Charges of the Town

To allow the Select Mens List of Jury Men  
 To know whether the Town will forgive  
 Robert Honnours his fine for not serving  
 Constable or any Part thereof

To Choose any Town Officer that may  
 be wanting. and make due Return of  
 your Doings here in Gloucester May 4:  
 1752 James Davis Sand Stevens William

Atten Dan Witham Select Men of  
 Essex Gloucester May 4<sup>th</sup> 1752 Gloucester

My Virtue of this Warrant I have war-  
 ed the Inhabitants of the Town of Gloucester  
 to meet at the Time and Place and for  
 the Purposes herein mentioned Joseph  
 Argent Constable.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other In-  
 habitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting  
 on the eighteenth Day of May AD 1752  
 Cap James Davis was chosen Representative  
 of the Town at the next Generall Court  
 under the Direction of the Select Men  
 and afterwards Davis

Cap James was chosen Moderator  
 John Day John Dane & Jonathan Brown  
 were Chosen to tell the Rates  
 Voted that the Granting a Town Rate  
 be referred to another Meeting  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Josiah Choate Thomas Allen &  
 John

John Parsons were chosen to serve on  
 the Grand Jury and  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup>. William Parsons, William Norwood  
 and Ezekiel Woodward were chosen to  
 serve on the Jury of Trials at the next  
 Superiour Court & to holden at Ipswich.  
 Voted to allow or abate Robert Monnay  
 one Half his Fine for not serving  
 in the Office of Constable when chosen  
 last Year

Mr Samuel Elwell was chosen Constable to  
 The Select Men presented to the Town a  
 List of Jury Men And it was Voted to  
 be allowed ~~after that~~ And One Quarter  
 of the Whole Selected to serve at the Superior  
 Court. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Witham Town Clerk  
 Exor } To either of the Constables of Gloucester Groelling  
 Glo<sup>st</sup> } His Majesties Name You are required  
 to notifie and warn the Freeholders and other Inha-  
 bitants of Gloucester qualified for Voting to assemble  
 and meet together at the Meeting House in the  
 first Parish in Gloucester to grant a Town Rate  
 and to Choose any Town Officer that may be  
 wanting on the Seventh Day of July next at  
 One of the Clock in the Afternoon and make  
 due Return of your Doings herein on or before  
 the Said Seventh Day of July Gloucester June  
 8<sup>th</sup> 1752

Daniel Witham  
 William Haskell } Select Men  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Steven's } of Gloucester  
 William Allen

Exor<sup>s</sup> Gloucester July 7<sup>th</sup> 1752

By Vertue of this Warrant I have notified  
 the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town  
 to appear at Time and Place and for the Pur-  
 poses herein mentioned

Joseph Sargent Constable

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other  
 Inhabitants of Gloucester qualified for  
 Voting on the Seventh Day of July A.D  
 1752. Cap<sup>t</sup> James Davis Moderator  
 Joshua Haskell Joseph Sargent and  
 Thomas Allen jun<sup>r</sup> Monitors  
 Voted that a Rate amounting to the  
 sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds  
 be levied on the Polls and Estates to  
 defray the necessary Charges of the Town

£ 150  
 Rate  
 paid



*Em* Voted That Daniel Witham Esq<sup>r</sup> Mef<sup>r</sup>  
*to settle* John Parsons & Solomon Parsons be a Committee  
*and* to make up & settle Accounts with the Town  
*treas* Treasurer as soon as may be and That they  
 Report the State of the Treasury to the next  
 Town Meeting

*Jury* Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joshua Riggs David Haskell &  
*chosen* Richard Goss were chosen to serve on  
 the Jury of Trial at the next inferior Court  
 to be holden at Salem in and for the County  
 of Essex Attest Daniel Witham Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabi-  
 tants of Gloucester legally qualified for voting on  
 the twenty second Day of December A.D. 1752

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Philemon Warner and John Hale were  
 chosen to serve on the Grand Jury and

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Little Hale Samuel Loughton &  
 Francis Haskell were chosen to serve on the Jury of  
 Tryalls at the next inferior Court and Generall session  
 of the Peace to be holden at Salem on the last Tuesday  
 of this Instant December Attest Daniel Witham Town Clerk

It is mutually consented and agreed between Thomas  
Allen and Nathaniel Sayer. Both of Gloucester that  
the said Thomas Allen shall maintain the western  
half of the fence between the D<sup>o</sup> Thomas Allen and  
the D<sup>o</sup> Nathaniel Sayer. Land which Land of Sayer  
was formerly Kent, and Allen was formerly Con  
and that the D<sup>o</sup> Nathaniel Sayer shall maintain  
the Eastern half of D<sup>o</sup> fence viz from Symonds Cor  
fence to the End of the Raile fence as it now stands  
In witness of which they have hereunto each of  
them hereunto set their hands and Seals this  
Tenth Day of June anno: one Thousand Seven hun  
dred and Twenty Eight  
In presence of  
Joseph Allen  
Daniel Witham  
Nathaniel Sayer  
Thomas Allen

A mutual Agreement & Settlement of Fence between  
David Plummer & Joseph Allen of that piece of fence that  
as built by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. John White, and from the ledge  
of Rocks called the Poles Westerly over the neck till you come  
to the Orchard that was formerly Mr. John Bray's which afore  
fence is allowed by both parties to be the bound; and also at the  
same time consented by John Stanwood; The easterly part of the fence  
purchased by S<sup>r</sup> Allen of D<sup>o</sup> Plummer, beginning at Poles thence  
running westerly to an heap of Rocks lying on a ledge of Rocks  
by the fence. D<sup>o</sup> ledge of Rocks lies to the North side of a small  
wood in D<sup>o</sup> Stanwood & Allen's Pasture: D<sup>o</sup> Allen does oblige himself  
his heirs &c to make the fence so, that his Sheep shant pass from his  
Pasture to D<sup>o</sup> Plummer's on his part. The westerly part of the  
fence running from <sup>or from</sup> D<sup>o</sup> Middle bounds to D<sup>o</sup> Orchard is D<sup>o</sup> Plummer's  
half of the fence; & furthermore D<sup>o</sup> Plummer <sup>his heirs &c</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>oblige</sup> ~~himself~~ <sup>themselves</sup> to make  
and maintain the fence four foot & eight inches high for ever —

To all above writton we do firmly assent, as witness our hands  
& Seals this twenty-eighth day of May, in the Year of our Lord  
One Thousand Seven hundred & thirty three —

Witnesses —

Matthe Withington

Moses Parsons

William Allen

Joseph Allen

David Plummer



We the Subscribers being Com<sup>ty</sup> by the Town of  
Manchester & Gloucester chosen to perambulate the  
Line between the said Towns & renew the Boundaries  
accordingly convened at the Eastern End of Gray Pond  
so called & renewed the Boundaries there which is an Oak  
Stump with an Heap of Stones about it and from  
thence perambulated the Line between the said Towns  
and renewed the severall Boundaries to the Heap of Stones  
so called being the former Boundaries between the said  
Manchester and Gloucester Glod: April 6 1766

Daniel Witham  
Peter Coffin  
Samuel Whittemore

John Allen  
Benjamin Kimball  
for Manchester

We the undersigned having this day quitted Claim  
to each other of a lot of Land lying near said  
Nehemiah's dwelling, formerly Mercy Richardson's  
have consented and agreed to a division of Fence  
on the line between us in manner following, The  
said John Manning hereby agrees to build and  
maintain all the Fence on the line from the  
Highway to the first corner near the Pond  
being about fourteen rods, and the said Nehemiah  
Knowlton hereby agrees to build and maintain  
all the Remainder of the Fence on the other  
lines to his Orchard wall near the Brook,  
being about seventeen Rods and seventeen  
links in Witness whereof we have unto sub-  
scribe our Names this 29<sup>th</sup> April 1766

John Manning  
Nehemiah Knowlton

Attest. J. B. Manning.

We the Subscribers appointed by our Respective Towns to settle the Line between Manchester and Gloucester have accordingly met together this 22<sup>d</sup> day of September 1790. And Renewed the Bounds between said Towns as follows - Viz - Beginning at an Oak Stump & a heap of Rocks about 1/2 m at the Eastern end of Gray's Beach so called, and from thence to a heap of Rocks on the eastern side of a small run of Water it being on land belonging to the heirs of Deacon William Payson of Gloucester Deceased, and from thence on the line to Gardner's Tree, now an heap of Rocks on the Stump, and from thence on the line to the heap of Rocks the Corner bounds between Ipswich Manchester & Gloucester in Witness whereof we the said Selectmen of each Town have hereunto set our hands this twenty second Day of September 1790

Deane Warner	Selectmen of Gloucester	Francis Craft	Selectmen of Manchester
John Somes		Henry Story	

We the Subscribers, being appointed by our Respective Towns to settle and perambulate the Line between Manchester and Gloucester, have accordingly met together, this seveneenth day of November 1797. And Renewed the Bounds between said Towns as followeth - Beginning at a Stump and Stones at the Eastern End of Gray's Beach so called and from thence to a Heap of Rocks, on the Eastern Side of a small Run of Water - it being on land of belonging to the Heirs of Deacon William Payson late of Gloucester deceased - and from thence on the Line to Gardner's Tree, now a heap of Rocks on the Stump, and from thence on the Line to the Heap of Rocks ~~the line~~ the Corner Bounds between Ipswich, and Manchester and Gloucester, in Witness whereof we the Parties, have hereunto set our Hands this day and Date above mentioned - Town of Gloucester Selectmen.

Nath<sup>l</sup> Warner }  
Joseph Allen. }

Selectmen of Manchester  
Aaron Lee.  
Benj<sup>m</sup> Ober  
(Debraenabingham)

We the Subscribers, Committees appointed by the Selectmen of the Towns of Ipswich and Gloucester, to perambulate the Line, between the said Towns, have attended that Business, this seventh Day of November One thousand seven hundred and Ninety seven - Beginning at the Heap of Rocks the Corner Bound between the said Towns - thence Northwardly to the great white Oak tree, and marked the

Linn Coco (same)



4. same, thence to the Appletree in In-  
gersoll's Land so called, and marked the  
same - thence to the Oak Tree by the Road  
and Marked the same - thence to the Elm  
Tree by the Wall on the Line and marked  
the same, thence to the River

Daniel Saw one of  
the Selectmen of  
Spruce - and  
William Buchanan  
appointed by the select-  
men of Spruce -

Joseph Allen  
Nathl. Warner

selectmen of Gloucester

December 21<sup>st</sup> 1807 -

Ex p<sup>ts</sup> ss. To Samuel Davis and John Draser both of Gloucester.  
(ss) two disinterested persons & Judicious - Greeting

By virtue of the power and authority to me  
given in and by a law of the Commonwealth entitled  
an act respecting lost goods & stray Beasts, I do hereby  
you <sup>to appraise</sup> ~~listen~~ oath, at the true value thereof in money,  
according to your best skill and judgement, a part of  
a both of Ravens duck, found by Mr John Pool of the same  
Gloucester near Richmond Island, and having performed  
this service, you are to make return of this warrant into  
the Town Clerk's Office of said Gloucester, within seven  
days from the date hereof

Given under my hand and  
seal this twenty first day of December 1807 -

John Manning. Just. Pais.

Ex p<sup>ts</sup> ss. Dec. 21. 1807. Then the above named Sa-  
muel Davis and John Draser personally made  
oaths that they would faithfully and impartially  
perform the service to which they are hereby appoint-  
ed by the above warrant -

Before me John Manning. Just. Pais

Ex p<sup>ts</sup> ss. Dec. 21. 1807. Then the within named Samuel  
Davis & John Draser, personally examined the  
within Ducks and appraise the same at Nine  
Dollars being the value of the same -

Samuel Davis  
John Draser

This may Certify all Concerned That Francis Norwood desired this Tenth Day of September 1755 That he might be entred and recorded Miller of & belonging to that ~~Mill~~ <sup>grist</sup> Mill whereof his Father Mr Jonathan Norwood is the Owner, and w<sup>ch</sup> then Entred Miller of the said grist mill accordingly

Attest Daniel Witham Town Clerk

To Mr Walter Woodbury living in the Town of Gloucester in Squam Parish, We the Subscribers two of the Fence viewers by your Request do here by Assign the said lines Between you and Mr Gott as follows - Viz. - On the N, easterly side of your land on the line between you and said Gott, the said Gott shall build up and maintain forty five Rods of good lawfull fence, Beginning at the highway running Easterly from said Highway, and you the said Woodbury for your part, shall build up and maintain the remainder part ~~th~~ of the fence on said line more or less in like manner and keep the same in repair, on the Westerly side of said Woodburys on the line between you and the said Gott, you the said Woodbury shall begin at the Highway running easterly shall build up and maintain forty five rods of good and lawfull fence, and the said Gott shall build the Remainder part of the fence on the said line more or less, in like manner, and we do hereby assign the Term of five months from the date hereof for making up said fence whereof the severall parties are to take Notice, given under our hands - -

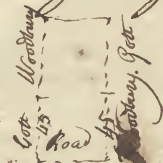
Gloucester May 2<sup>th</sup> 1700

Leb<sup>r</sup> Stanwood

John Rollins

A True Copy - from

the Original. John Rogers, T. Clerk





6. We the Subscribers being lawfully authorized to perambulate the Line between the Town of Ipswich and the Town of Gloucester, have attended that Service this eleventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

Beginning at the Heap of Rocks by the Manchester Line, the Corner bound of said Towns, and renewed the same - Thence Northerly between the Town of Ipswich and Gloucester to a green white Oak Tree on the Line, and renewed the same and mark'd it, from thence in a straight line to an Apple tree in Ingersoll's land so called, now owned by Elias Andrews, and mark'd the same, thence to an oak Tree in a straight line to a large Oak Tree in Ingersoll's Land and now owned by Elias Andrews (near a stone wall) which wall is in a straight line to a large white oak Tree or Stump by the main road leading to Ipswich and Gloucester and mark'd the same. from thence in a straight line to an Elm tree by the wall and mark'd the same from thence northerly in a straight line to the River.

James Hayes } Selectmen  
Jonathan Kimball } Gloucester.

G<sup>o</sup> Choate } Selectmen  
John H Boardman } Ipswich.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Towns of Manchester and Gloucester having met the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1812, by virtue of a Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in order to perambulate the lines and renew the Bounds between the said Towns have proceeded as follows - Viz. Beginning at the Eastern end of Gray's Beach at a heap of Stones and Stake and running from thence N. 6<sup>o</sup> degrees W. 120 Rods to a heap of Rocks in lapt in Capt. Gilbert's Pasture, thence N 51<sup>o</sup> W. to the Row which is two rods wide, thence across the Mill pond 35 rods to the top of the Hill to a heap of Rocks from thence N. 45<sup>o</sup> west to an oak stump 20 Rods from thence N 57<sup>o</sup> west 120 Rods to a Beach Tree from thence N 57<sup>o</sup> west 50 Rods to an Oak Tree thence N 57<sup>o</sup> W. 100 Rods to Gardner's Stump from thence N 16<sup>o</sup> W 120 Rods to the great heap of Rocks in the Woods being the Bounds of Gloucester, Manchester & Ipswich.

James Hayes } Selectmen  
Charles Smith } Gloucester.

Henry Lee } Selectmen  
Isabelle Foster } Manchester  
Obed Carter } Manchester

X NB. On the Back of the above return, was afterwards certified that the Line from Gardner's Stump agreeable to our Records by N. 16<sup>o</sup> W 100 rods to the great heap of Rocks being the bounds of Gloucester, Manchester and Ipswich.

Attest D. L. Bingham Town Clerk

We the undersigned Selectmen of Gloucester and Manchester having met in conformity to the Requisition of the Law of this Commonwealth to perambulate the Lines between Gloucester & Manchester this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lords Eighteen hundred & fifteen, and to renew the bounds as follows - Beginning at the eastern end of Gray's Beach at a heap of stones and stake and running from thence N. 6° D west 120 Rods to a heap of Rocks in Capt. Gilbert's pasture, thence N. 51° D west 33 rods to the road, thence across the Mill pond 35 rods to the summit of a hill to a heap of rocks, from thence N. 45° D west to an oak Stump 20 rods, from thence N. 57° W 120 Rods to a Beach tree, from thence N. 59° W 50 Rods to an <sup>oak stump & stones</sup> oak tree - thence N. 54° W 100 rods to Gardner's stump, from thence N. 16° west 190 rods to the great heap of Rocks in the woods, being the bounds of Gloucester, Manchester and Ipswich.

Israel Franks } Selectmen of  
William Pearce } Gloucester  
D. L. Bingham } Selectmen of  
Henry Lee } Manchester

The Oak tree mentioned against the Mark in the Margin, we found in running the line, had been cut down, we therefore renewed said bound, with stones piled round the Stump of said tree, and on the top thereof, and consequently must now be called the Oak stump and stones.

The Subscribers herof having met agreeable to Law, to perambulate the Lines between Gloucester & Ipswich this first day of November A.D. 1816, have proceeded as follows - Beginning at a large heap of Stones, being the corner Boundary between Gloucester & Ipswich & Manchester, thence Northerly on the Line to a white oak tree, thence to an Apple tree in Ingersolls Orchard so called, thence to a large white oak tree in Elias Andrews Land by the wall on the line, thence to a Large Old Tree by the Road, thence to the Elm tree by the wall on said Line and thence to the River and Renewed marks of the several Bounds above mentioned on said Line.

Geo. Choate }  
Ipswich - }  
Selectmen }  
Ipswich }

Sam'l Calder  
Selectman of  
Gloucester



Glocester. - Sep. 26th. 1729 246

whereas James Dike of sd. Glocester. owneth the Barn  
where his Dwelling House now standeth and Isaac  
Eveleth Charles Boyle and Isaac Eveleth his sons  
possess the Land on the other side which heere to  
was John Duges Land. have Agreed to Divide sene  
Equally Between them to make and maintain that  
is to say the said Dike to make and maintain one  
half and the sd. Eveleth Boyle & Eveleth to make  
and maintain the other half During the Term  
of Time of the longest of their Improvement of  
sd. Land: And sd. Dike's half part of sene is Both Ends  
the westerly End to begin at the sene that is near the  
Barn that was heere before to Duges then Eastward by  
as the sene now standeth to a Stake a little short  
of a hollow or Brook at the Eastwardly End of Stone  
wall said to be made by sd. Dike. Then to Eveleth  
Boyle and Eveleth's to make and maintain said  
sene from sd. Stake Eastwardly as sd. sene now stands  
to a Stake standing at the Eastwardly End of a piece  
of Stonewall said to be made by Charles Boyle  
near the Brook and that to be sd. Eveleth Boyle  
and Eveleth's half: then sd. Dike to begin again  
at that Stake and make and maintain sene  
Esterly as the sene now stands to a Stake stand-  
ing about four fatts Southerly from a quince  
tree thence on Esterly on a straight line to a  
Stake standing at sd. Dike's sene that runs  
across the Brook very near the Bridge near to  
Dike's Dwelling house

witnesses  
John Roberts  
Thomas Allen  
Josiah Lane

James Dike  
Isaac Eveleth  
Charles Boyle  
Isaac Eveleth Jr

Thos and to Give notice that the here stands that  
was formerly Richard Tuckers date of Glocester  
Deceased is to be sold to the highest Bidder on  
the sixteenth day of January Next from the  
Date at the dwelling house of Abigail Tuckers  
in sd. Glocester at the mi. x to the N. E. Spoke  
of spurs. Given her at his Maies High Suppers  
Court at Solom. the last tuesday of October 1733  
By order of Abigail Tucker

Pursuant to an Order of his Majesty's Superior Court of  
Judicature began & held at Ipswich within & for the County of  
Essex on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of May last Anno Dom. 1734 To sell  
about 45 Acres of Pasture Land in Glocester which Land  
was part of the Estate of James Gardner late of Glocester dec:  
Intestate said Land will be exposed to the publick Sale to  
the highest Bidder at the House of Jonathan Jugsell  
in Glocester on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of September  
by Abigail Gardner & James Gardner who are joint  
Adms. of the Estate of James Gardner dec:  
Voted in Glocester Aug. 16 1734.  
Entered by Order of said Abigail Gardner for Ben Wilkies  
Boston April 1<sup>st</sup> 1747 These are to give  
Notice that the Subscriber being Guardian to both of  
my Children Elizabeth & Lydia Coit have obtained  
Liberty of the Generall Court to Sell the Land and Mass  
in Glocester belonging to the above named Elizabeth  
and Lydia Coit which came to them by their Grandfather  
Nathaniel Coit late of said Glocester dec: to the highest  
Bidder Thirty Days after the above Date by  
Lydia Coit.

3) In attestation of those Constables that have been  
in a Certificate under the hand of the reverend Mr  
John Emerson for his Sallery 247

This may Certifie whom it may concerne that  
I have received my whole Sallery for the year sixteen  
hundred eighty six & say it is totally received by me  
Glocester maye 29<sup>th</sup> 1693 John Emerson

This may Certifie whom it doth concerne  
that William Stevens has gathered all my  
Sallery for the year sixteen hundred eighty  
five and I do totally acquit and discharge  
the Towne of my Sallery for that year  
Glocester february 6<sup>th</sup> 1693 John Emerson  
4

This may Certifie whom it doth concerne  
that Thomas Riggs son Constable for the  
years sixteen hundred eighty and eighty  
one has gathered all the rates to the  
ministry for those two years and I do  
totally acquit and discharge the Towne  
of my Sallery for the said years viz  
eighty and eighty one John Emerson  
Glocester february 8<sup>th</sup> 1693  
4

This may Certifie whom it doth concerne that  
Neighbour Litle his rate which he was to gather  
of the Inhabitants of Glocester for the year eight  
four in which year he was Constable I say all the  
said rate is heard and paid viz the rate for the  
ministry in 10 year John Emerson son  
Glocester maye 1<sup>st</sup> 1694

This may Certifie whom it doth concerne that the  
that the rate to the ministry for the year Seventy  
eight is all heard and paid and every person therein  
heard and discharged for the 10 year by being assessed and  
assessed as witness my hand John Emerson  
Glocester April 22 1695

Account of William Sargeant son Constable  
for the year 1694 the full and Just Sum of  
Seventy pounds which is my whole Sallery  
for said year I say received by me  
Glocester maye 6<sup>th</sup> 1695 John Emerson  
1695-96

This may Certifie whom it doth concerne  
that I have of the Constables Mr Haffin and  
Thomas Riggs Junior and by their order my  
Sallery for the years ninety two I say received  
by me John Emerson  
Glocester maye 16<sup>th</sup> 1695 (96)

This may Certifie whom it doth concerne that  
I have received all my Sallery of John Emerson son  
for the year ninety five as witness my hand  
the fourth of August fume one thousand six hundred  
and ninety seven John Emerson



248 Boston October 25 1698

Received of Mr William Sargeant Constable  
of Gloucester twenty five pounds ten shillings  
in full of a warrant for twenty five pounds ten  
shilling due for Mr James Taylor Treasurer  
25 10 J<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Allin

January 17 2 1701

Received of Mr Tho: Millett Constable of Gloucester  
fifty one pounds six shillings in full of  
a warrant for the like sum of fifty one pounds  
six shillings Received for Mr James Taylor  
by Jeremiah Allin

At a former meeting held the 20<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>mo</sup>. 1699  
It was Agreed upon by the Inhabitants of the town  
of Gloucester that no house not now erected shall here-  
after be priviledged in common in any respect or other and  
no person being an inhabitant of this town  
shall suffer any person or persons to stay in the town  
or a prohibition of the town or select men of the town  
whom shall be those from whom to your shall  
pay twenty shillings per week for every day that  
such is meant to keep forty strangers and not those that  
are now inhabitants in the town

Boston November 19 1703

Received of Mr Thomas Witham Constable of  
Gloucester twenty five pounds in full due for Mr James Taylor  
Treasurer by Jeremiah Allin

Boston July 2 1700

Received of Mr John Day Constable of Gloucester twenty  
seven pounds in full of the within mentioned warrant  
Received for Mr James Taylor Treasurer by  
Jeremiah Allin  
Received of John Day Constable of Gloucester the sum  
of fifty two pounds and thirteen shillings in  
two parts being the proportion of the County vest for  
the town of Gloucester Received by John Day Constable  
Jeremiah Allin 1700

Boston December 31 1700

Received of Mr John Day Constable of Gloucester  
fifty two pounds thirteen shillings in full of a  
warrant for the like sum of fifty two pounds  
thirteen shillings Received for Mr James Taylor Treasurer  
by Mr Jeremiah Allin

Boston December 13 1703

Received of Mr John Day Constable of Gloucester the sum  
of fifty two pounds and thirteen shillings in part due for Mr James Taylor  
Treasurer by Jeremiah Allin 1700

Boston April 22 1704 Received of Mr John Day  
Constable of Gloucester twenty five pounds, fourteen shillings  
in part Received for Mr James Taylor Treasurer  
Received in full first warrant ten shillings  
Jeremiah Allin 1704

Boston July the 13 1704

Received of Mr John Day Constable of Gloucester sixty  
one pounds six shillings in part Received for  
Mr James Taylor Treasurer by Mr Jeremiah Allin  
1704

Boston October 12 1704 Received of Mr John Day  
Constable of Gloucester by the hands of Mr  
John Day twenty one pounds seven shillings and  
six pence in part for Mr James Taylor Treasurer  
Jeremiah Allin 21-7-3

Boston November 17 1704

Received of Constable John Day of Gloucester six  
pence in part Received for Mr James Taylor Treasurer  
Jeremiah Allin







acted of Thomas Biggs Junr and Joseph Allin  
chief tolls of the said and just Summe 25  
of thirty pounds Lawfull silver money of new  
england being in full of and for all dues and arrears  
of rates due to mee the subscriber for my main-  
tenance my first coming unto the town of Gloster  
unto this day. And I do by these presents acquit discharge  
permit release and for ever quit blame unto  
the said Thomas Biggs Joseph Allin and Ezekiel  
Collins each of them their heirs Executors  
Administrators and assigns and the Town of  
Gloster in generall from all rates rate books  
indentments respecting my maintenance  
from the word of the ministry from the  
beginning of the world unto the year one  
thousand six hundred ninety and six for witness  
whereof I Mr John Emerson Pastor of the  
Church of Gloster have hereunto sett my hand  
and seal the eleventh day of January  
in the year of our Lord 1697  
Subscribed in the presence of  
It is so ordered and good that the thirty pounds above  
specified be paid and satisfaction and the years 1697 and 1698  
they being already paid nor doth it discharge any  
person that hath given nor security in their own  
several subscribed and as above written  
witness

Martha Cogswell

Dorothy Emerson

John Emerson

This is to declare that the Comitty  
that was chosen by the Inhabitants of this  
town of gloster first and last for to look  
after and gett pay to Mr John Emerson for minister  
and pastor of the Church all that was behind  
of his Sallery from his first coming to reside  
untill the year 1696 as will appere by the  
acquittants above written the names of those  
men are as followeth Deacon James Stevens  
William Sargeant Sr Joseph Allin and Thomas  
Biggs so these were the four that was chosen and  
afterwards the town chose two more Willi. Stevens  
and Ezekiel Collins and last of all the town  
chose it to Joseph Allin Ezekiel Collins and Thomas  
Biggs to conclude it with Mr John Emerson and accordingly  
these three men last named hath don it as will  
appere by what is above written and all these men  
have named which was employed about it and  
all fully satisfied and contented for what  
time they spent about it this was concluded  
and don the 28th day of february 1697 or 98  
and William Sargeant Sr being - 01 - 08 - 00  
indebted to the town that he had  
not given account of to the select  
men being overplus of rates that he  
for his pay for being of the Comitty



Received as appears by receipts under my  
 father and Sam Emerson hand bearing date the  
 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1700 thirty one pound fourteen shillings  
 for the year 99 and by receipt under my mother  
 and wife Emerson hand bearing date the 25<sup>th</sup> of  
 twenty four pounds seven shillings for the  
 year or one mentioned and five pounds thirteen  
 shillings and five pence by severall receipts  
 under my mothers hand received my self of  
 Constable the Surveyor five pounds fifteen  
 shillings seven pence in full of the seventy  
 one upon the account of the year 10 to the  
 ministry for the year one thousand six hundred  
 ninety and nine I say received by me  
 John Barnard

Dorothy Emerson

Edw Ball clock us  
 the total sum  
 is 70 00 00

Received of William Sargant  
 Constable for Gloucester in the year 1699  
 the full sum of seventy pounds for  
 fathers salary for that year in the  
 of the ministry

Gloucester Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1702

Thes may certify all whome it may concerne  
 that my William Sargant Constable of  
 Towne of Gloucester for the year sixteen hundred  
 and nine by eight hath by severall payments  
 by him made to my wife father m<sup>r</sup> John  
 Emerson & my mother m<sup>r</sup> Ruth Emerson late  
 of said Gloucester deceased in ther life times  
 the full sum of seven by pounds which was the  
 salary due to my said father for that year  
 and I the subscriber do here requitt the  
 Constable & the said Towne of Gloucester from any  
 thing that was due to my said father for his  
 salary for that year at which my hand  
 witnesses

Dorothy Emerson

Thomas Biggs

John Ring

Wood which nymel are abundant written being chosen by  
 the select men of Gloucester and of the Towne of which  
 from 1700 to 1706 and of the Towne of which  
 bound in 1700 between the aforesaid Townes in order  
 were onto 1700 and att ye center bound called  
 the name of Rock  
 and was now marked the former marked boundes  
 from end center bound onto ye end of the line  
 between the aforesaid Townes as witness our hands  
 this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of June: 1706

for Gloucester

Nathaniel Scott  
 John Ring  
 John Sargant

for Ipswich

Mathew Whipple  
 Abner Ring  
 Jonathan Wads  
 Nathaniel Goodhue  
 William Giddings

March ye 21<sup>st</sup>, 1698

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At the meeting of ye subscribers ye Committee appointed  
by ye Towne of Ipswich and Gloster for ye setting of the high  
way from Towne to Towne they have agreed to purchase to  
the next quarter session to be taken at Ipswich for the  
Confirmation of the settlement of ye way. Agreed on betwixt ye  
Committee of ye Towne of Ipswich for the future the Committee  
of and for Gloster, agreed yt yt way shall goe over at  
Newlands point & over the marsh to Burinam's marshes  
thru ye Mr John Higswell pasturing & lands to and over  
John Burinam's Land and through yt to Mr John  
Downing's low and furr Land and thru Thomas Lowkin  
to Gloster Land and then as Gloster Road way

Ipswich to build a bridge over ye D Creek & Lay  
wood over the marsh & purchase to marsh and gravel  
to the way over ye marsh which is to be done before  
ye first day of May from Jewell's moire, for the procuring  
of ye Towne of Ipswich for the making ye way in yt place  
the Committee of Gloster in their Towne shall doe grant to  
Ipswich timber for building ye bridge and shall give  
other small trees to lay the ye marsh over to ye bridge  
from Mr Thomas's plantation and also when ye ye bridge  
shall want repairing hereafter provided Gloster shall  
be acquainted with what timber is needfull for ye  
repairing by the Towne men of Gloster Ipswich ye  
Soleit men shall grant them free timber as shall  
be needfull for free repair for the future maintenance  
of ye bridge without payment and ye Gloster shall  
their action against ye Towne depending in Court and  
the Committee of Ipswich shall the former cost  
recovered and this to be discharge of all former  
differences as witness our hands & seals & what is or  
shall be needfull for the further Confirmation of  
the said Agreement shall be signed by ye parties  
hereafter if either party desire the same

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
to each other in presence  
is witnesses

James Curran  
Benjamin Haspell  
Joseph Haspell

Samuel Appleton  
Nehemiah Jewett  
Thomas Riggs Sr  
James Davis Junr  
Ezekial Hilling  
with their Seals

Witness the 27<sup>th</sup> 1708 ye the subscribers being  
chosen by the Soleit men of Manchester and Gloster  
have met together upon the above said day and have  
viewed the bounds between our Towne from which it  
goeth at the east end of Grace's boath marked with 4  
males and stones about it and from thence northwards  
in the line to ye pine tree marked with 4 males  
and stones about it & all the garden's tree and from  
in the line to the heape of rocks which is the former  
bound between Manchester Gloster and Ipswich  
and this is our return

for Gloster  
Capt Joseph Edin  
Lieut James Davis

for Manchester  
Robert Leach  
John Lay





Robinson of the messengers in the hands of the representatives 255  
May 25: June 26: 1706 The following order was sent  
Down from the board for concurrence viz  
Upon a representation made to this court that the  
Channel or passage for vessels cut through the  
reach of Cape Anne within the townships of Gloucester  
by the violence of a great storm and the heaving up  
last winter is stopped and shut up with sand which  
passage has been of general advantage to the coasting  
vessels from that place and the parts adjacent on  
the eastern shores and some expounding about 1/2 days  
which at times causes great loss of time in waiting for  
a fair wind and is much more hazardous

And whereas having been laid upon due  
notification to the select men of Gloucester and Cape  
Neithematt part of the same place who claim the  
benefit and privilege of the said passage in light of  
the heirs of William Stobens whose widow he  
memorial

Ordered that the said part doo cause the  
said Channel or passage to be sufficiently opened  
and cleared by the last day of August next coming  
and a sufficient swing bridge to be made over the  
same safe and convenient for sea barks both  
high and foot and from time to time maintain  
the said Channel and bridge in good repair and  
and of use for the passage of vessels and travellers  
and keep a person attending constantly there to open  
and shut the said bridge that neither vessels or  
travellers be stopped or hindered

And for the supporting the charges hereof  
shew a hereby granted a sum of two shillings  
to be paid by the master of every vessel not  
belonging to Gloucester passing through the  
Channel and for all vessels belonging to the said  
town the sum of seven shillings per annum  
to be paid out or before the twentieth day of  
July annually agreeable to a rate vote and order  
of the inhabitants in general town meeting  
and when the heirs of the said William Stobens  
shall come of age they to have the benefit and  
income of the said passage upon payment of so  
much as shall appear to be due to the said part  
to make good his disbursements and about his  
Receipt upon a just and true account thereof to  
be rendered on oath if required and for the future  
they to be at the charges of repairing keeping  
and maintaining the said passage and bridge  
in good serviceable repair

June 25: 1706 The above order read and

Resolved a concurrence  
John White Clerk

January 27: 1707/8

Received of Mr Jeffrey Parsons Collector  
in full the sum of Eighty pounds on  
the account of my salary for the year  
1706 by me John White

January 27: 1709 then received of the town Treasurer  
four score pounds in full for my salary for the year 1707

February 20: 1709

by me John White

Then received of Mr John Parsons Treasurer Eighty  
pounds in full on the account of my salary  
for the year 1708 by me John White



<sup>B</sup> 256 Names And Bound written being the one party  
as chosen by the select men of ~~Haverhill~~ the town of Haverhill  
and the other party of us by the select men of the town of Gloucester  
to preambulate the line between said towns accordingly met  
at the corner bound below the heap of rocks end run  
from thence into the water side At Leonard Cutlers pasture  
end bounded the bound in the above said line may 27<sup>th</sup> 1709

for Gloucester  
Ezra's Polling  
Thomas Millot Secy

For which  
 several Kings  
 have King  
 William Giddings  
 John Goodhue

July 7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1710

Account of Mr John Parsons's debt to the Court  
found in full on the account of my service for the  
year 1709 I say received by Mr John White

Received of Mr John Parsons Treasurer for the  
wounds in full of my salary for the year 1711  
4 say Received by me John White

5000 the subscribers being appointed by the select men of the towns of Manchester and of in the year 1711 met on the 17th of April and began with the white oak at the end of grand beach at the easter end and run from thence to the house of rocks and ran from thence to a far said line as witness in hand

for Gloucester  
Joshua Benson  
Stephen Row

Robert Leach  
John Lee Jr

Received of Mr John Wilson Treasurer four Score  
pounds for fuel of my Sailing for the year 1711 —  
I have received by me John Smith

may 16: 1712  
 3500 the subscribers being appointed by the select men  
 of Ipswich to renew bounds betwixt our town and gloucester  
 accordingly were met gloucester men at the house of roche  
 and renewed the bounds and marked trees till we came  
 to the house of roche near the river in six cutlers  
 pasture as witness our hands Daniel D. D.

Daniel Gindge  
Nathaniel Goodhue  
Matthew White

April 17: 1713  
Received of Mr John Jackson Treasurer the  
sum in full of four score pounds in bills of  
credit on the account of my salary for the year  
Seventeen hundred and twelve by order  
John White

Received of Mr. John White  
 on the Account of my Salary for the year  
 1713. A Sum received by me. John White

cost on october 15th: 17.10

Received of W<sup>th</sup> Joseph Hall Esq<sup>r</sup> Constable of Gloucester  
the sum of one pound thirteen  
shillings for the year 1710  
for the year 1710  
John Woodhouse





This may certify whom it may concern that wee whose names are under written, being appointed by the select men of Manchester to renew the bound, between Gloucester, and Manchester, meeting with Mr Thomas Bray, and, Isaac Eveleth, and John Day, at the white oak at Grays-beach; have Renewed the bound between the Towns of Manchester and Gloucester, as they were formerly Stated, to the heap of Rocks, which is a bound betwixt Gloucester Manchester, and Ipswich.

Dated April 30. 1717.

John Knowlton.  
John Allen.

Ipswich May 5. 1724. We the Subscribers a Committee of the town of Ipswich have this day Perambulated the Bounds between Ipswich & Gloucester and Renewed the Same, by new marking them, with the select men of Gloucester beginning at the heap of Stones by Manchester bounds.

Daniel Ring, } Select men  
Thomas Bray, } of  
John Bennett, } Gloucester  
Ebenezer Parsons

Witness our hands.

John Wainwright }  
Thomas Cheat. } Com. of  
George Hart. } town of Ipswich.

Manchester April 27<sup>th</sup> 1736 -

Wee the Subscribers met with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Witham James Davis and John Robert, of Gloucester and perambulated the Line between the Town of Manchester and the Town of Gloucester. They being the Select Men of Town of Gloucester for that purpose.

Benja

BA

Allen

mark

Wath. Lee

Robert Herrick

Epiz p. Octobr 18. 1736. We whose Names are underwritten a Committee chosen & appointed on the Part of the Town of Ipswich and Gloucester respectively to perambulate & renew the Line between the said Towns have accordingly performed that Service agreeable to the Imp<sup>re</sup> posed in us Witness our Hands the Day & Year above written inter changeably

John Wainwright (Comtee) Joseph Allen (Select men  
Philemon Lane (for Ips.) John Roberts (Comtee for  
Jonathan Burnum (wch.) Daniel Witham (Gloos  
David Low. -

Boston Dec: 7<sup>th</sup> 1736  
Rec<sup>d</sup> of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hodgkins Constable of Gloucester  
by the Hand of Joseph Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> eighteen Pound  
Twelve Shillings and Eight Pence in full for  
m<sup>r</sup> Treasur<sup>r</sup> Town of Ipswich  
Benja Swan

18. 12. 8

In Observance of the Law Relating to horses going on the Towns Commons, (page 49.) the following Entries are made. viz.

- March 28. 1717. Thomas Saunders, one gray mare with a long tail.
- April 15. 1717. Moses Durin one horse, grayish white, with blackish legs. artificial mark is a half pony under the left ear.
- April 17. 1717. Nathaniel Durin, one horse, light Red, with a white blaze in his forehead down to his nose, artificial mark is, two notches under of left ear.
- April 26. 1717. John Hamons one Black Mare, with a little white a little above her hoofs, on one of her hinder foot.
- May 17. 1717. M<sup>r</sup> Philemon Warner one small horse Darkish black colour with a little white spott in his face.
- May, 22, 1717. M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Sargeant, one large horse Reddish-bay colour black main, and black tail, and a white spott in his face.
- June 24. 1717. Samuel Parsons one Mare Redish-bay colour, with a black main, and black tail, and a gray spot in his face.
- April 19. 1718. Ebenezer Parsons, one mare, Redish-bay colour, with black mane and black tail.
- April 19. 1718. same Parsons one mare Redish-bay colour, with a black main and black tail, and gray spott on her ~~left~~ <sup>right</sup> cheek, and half pony under her left ear.
- Said Parsons also one horse almost three years old, dark gray colour, with a slit in top of left ear, and a half pony under the same.
- Elizabeth Elwood one black mare, with white face, and a white foot on left, bottom.
- April 26. 1718. James Wallis one Mare, and one colt of two years old the mare a grizzled colour, the colt is black.
- June 7. 1718. Left James Davin one black <sup>horse</sup> colt about 2 years old, with a white face, and small ears.
- June 17. 1718. John Day sent one white mare, with a blackish mane.
- July 27. 1718/19. Thomas Sanders (Shipwright) one black horse about three years old. (being a stone horse.)
- March 13. 1718/19. Joseph Parsons one mare of a darkish black colour, with a little white spott on her left side. and one horse of a darkish gray colour, with a half pony under each ear, and a slit in the top of left ear, and another white horse, with a half pony under each ear, and a slit in top of left ear.
- March 13. 1718/19. Jonathan Parsons one mare darkish-red colour, with a little white spot in her forehead, with a half pony under each ear, and a slit in the top of left ear.
- March 14. 1718/19. Joseph Gardner one mare black colour, with an half crop off the right ear. and a young black horse, with a white spott in his forehead, with an half pony under the left ear.
- March 21. 1718/19. Symonds Low, one mare dark-bay colour, with a slit in the top of left ear, and one horse also dark-bay colour with a slit in top of left ear.
- March 30. 1719. John Parsons one young horse (about 3 years old) black with a white spot in his forehead, with a half pony under the left ear.
- April 8. 1719. John Price, one horse dark-bay colour, with some white hairs in his forehead, and a young mare (about 2 years old) with a white spott in her forehead. bright, bay colour.
- April 30. 1719. Widow Agnes Hamons, one white horse, with a little black grizzle, blackish main, & blackish tail. Gravid with an ft. on the left thigh.
- May 12. 1719. Ebenezer Parsons one mare colt about a year old gray colour and white foot.
- May 13. 1719. Michael Webber, one mare, dark-brown colour, with black main, and black tail; a white star in her forehead, and a white nose.
- May 14. 1719. Ebenezer Luskim, one mare, grizzled, or, Iron gray colour, with a black mane and black tail.
- May 14. 1719. Thomas Ellison one mare Red colour, with a white face, and she is lame. one horse black with a brown spot.
- May 14. 1719. John Day sent one mare white with blackish mane.
- May 18. 1719. Thomas Giddings one white mare a little grayish, with a little black spott on her left shoulder.
- May 18. 1719. Elizabeth Elwood one black mare with a white face, and one white foot on the left hind.
- May 19. 1719. Capt. Joseph Allen 2 young horses, about two years old each, of a chagnut colour.
- May 19. 1719. Ebenezer Parsons, one mare Redish-bay colour with a black mane, and a black tail.



July 24<sup>th</sup> 1719. Ensign Joseph Allen. one Horse of a Sorrel color & with some white in his face: a bout 4 years old & 13 hands &  $\frac{1}{2}$  high: also a young mare 2 years old of a black colour with some white in her face

Horses Shipt on board the Sconce Swallow John Elwell master. Bound for the west indies, Geneva. 6: 1727  
one Sorrel horse near 14 hands, high white in his face. bought by Joseph has call Cooper.  
one Black horse white in his forehead near 14: hands high 4 years old put on board by Samuell Allen.  
one mouse culled horse a bout 13  $\frac{1}{2}$  hands, high put on board by m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Row - - -  
one black mare with a white face put on board by Charles Boyles - - -  
one Gray horse near 14 hands high bought of James Sayer: one small bay mare about 13 hands high bought of James Goodfrey:  
all aged a bout 4: 5: 6: 7: 8 years old

By Capt Joseph Allen

Horses Toled 1729

Daniel <sup>Smith</sup> one red horse with a white star in his forehead a bout 8 years old: as also one black horse white star in his forehead: 4 years old  
Aprail 11: 1729

Benewer Tarbor one white horse about 4 years old - - -

David Ingersel one mare a black one a bout 9 years old one blue hors Colt a bout 2 years old - - -  
the Roebent 972: white one white mare about 11 years old

1729 Thomas Sanders one Black horse  
Aprail 12: a bout 4 years old

Jacob Row one white horse about 1 years old - - -

Stephen Some, one bay mare with a dark colored tail with one wall Eye a bout ten years old Entered Aprail: 14: 1729

Capt Allin one Sorrel mare with a star in her forehead a bout 8 years old and one Sorrel horse with a gray tail a bout 3 years old Entered Aprail: 14: 1729

John Goodridge one bay mare with sundrey white spots a bout her Nose & Eys a bout 10 years old Entered Aprail: 14: 1729 - - -

John Browne one Black horse his right ear crop a bout 3 years old entred april 15 1729

Joseph Row one Black mare one white foot a bout eight years & old entred April 15: 1729

Samuel Row one Black horse a white star in his forehead a bout 12 years old entred april 15: 1729

1. Gloucester horses entered 1727  
Stephen Robinson one dark brown horse a slit  
in her left ear about 8 years old entered may  
the 2: 1729

Vincent Thwell one dark brown horse  
a bout nine year old Entered may 6: 1729

Elisha Conney one Sorel mare a light  
Colored maine & tail Entered may 6: 1729

Doctor Newman one white horse about  
Eleon year old Entered May 7: 1729

Mr. Jefferey Parsons one Gray mare with a half spang, rander  
Each Ear Entered may 7: 1729

Insign Thomas Allen one Sorel horse with a brown nose about  
six year old Entered may 7: 1729

Mr. Samuell Pearce one Black mare with a few white hairs in her  
forehead about three years old Entered may 7: 1729

Mathias Sanders one Black horse with a Prigge in his forehead  
his left hind foot white about eight years old Entered may 7: 1729

William Parsons one Dark Bay horse about eight years old  
Entered may the 7: 1729

Barabbabel Allen one Red horse with a white blaze in his  
forehead with 2 white feet about 2 years old Entered may 12

Joseph Metcalf one Bay horse with a white speck in  
his forehead Branded on his 2 fore feet 'K' about 13  
hands high Entered may 14: 1729

Jonathan Poole a Black horse about 3 year old  
about 13 hand high Entered may 17: 1729

James Hardy one Bay horse a whitish main  
a white star in his forehead about 14 years  
old entered may the 19: 1729

Joseph Boyerton one Red Sorel horse Entered  
June 16: 1729

Nymphar Bay one white horse about nine years old June 16: 1730

June 29: 1730 a Stray Glor of a Dark Bay called Dark main  
and tail shod round & well trimmed taken up by John and Cole  
Smith on the peck Coffins farm in Gloucester

A Stray Horse colt of a black color with a star in his forehead  
about two years old at Eldon Sayward's Gloucester December 29: 1731

Jonathan Pearson one mare of a brown color about 9 year  
old one Red Black color in his hind year Entered may 2

Ezekiel Day one white horse Entered may 8: 1732

Joseph Row one white horse how old i no Not Entered may 30: 1732

The widow Mary Row one white horse Entered may 30: 1732

John Starwood one Bay mare with a Dark maine about nine  
year old Entered may 30: 1732

Elisha Conney one Red mare with a white maine and tail  
about 6 year old one Red mare with a black maine & tail  
a bout a year old Entered may 30: 1732

The widow Rebackah Witham one Dark Colored mare  
a bout 10 year old and a colt a bout a year old  
Entered may 30: 1732

Paletiah Day one horse of a Dark Brown color with a white  
star in his forehead about 3 year old Entered June 2: 1732

Pder. Sayward one horse colt of a black color with a star in  
his forehead a bout 2 or 3 year old Entered June 3: 1732

John Goodridge his horse is a Deep Bay color with several  
matuevel whit spots and a slit in his Right Ear Entered  
may 28: 1732



Stephen one Black Colt a bout a year old with a white  
 stripe in his face and his Right hind foot white Down  
 by his fetter-lock Entered May. 28. 1732

Samuell Pearce one Sorel Colored horse with a few white  
 hairs in his forehead and a yellow mane and Tail  
 one Black mare with a few white hairs in her forehead  
 one Black colt with one white Nostrill and one white  
 foot these wear Entered May: 28. 1732

Beniamin Foster one Red Horse with a Blaze in his forehead a  
 bout 20 years old Entered June: 5. 1732

John Stacy one Brel horse with a bald face & wall Eyes  
 4 white feet his age is uncertain Entered June: 17. 1732

Daniel Gibb one Dark Brown mare hip shot a bout 3 years Entered June: 15. 1732  
 Tobiah Day one Bay horse white Star in his forehead  
 A bout four years old Entered March 12. 1732/3

Elisha Bond one Dark mare about 10 years old Entered April 20. 1733  
 & one mare Edda Dark Brown about two years old Entered April 20. 1733

John Stanwood one Bay Mare A bout 8 years old Entered 20  
 of April 1733

Hopson Robinson one Brown horse Brown  
 on the rear shed on & shy a bout 12 years  
 of age Entered the 20 of April 1733

April 30. 1733 Samuell Parsons one Gray  
 Horse A bout 10 years old A bout 12 in hand  
 Right Entered the Day A Bout mentioned

Samuell Bond Entered one Black mare A bout 7 years  
 & Black horse colts A bout two years old and white Star in his forehead  
 & white Nose Entered May the 5. 1733

Elder James Sayward has one Black Horse, with a  
 white Star in his forehead, about 4 years old.  
 Entered April 6. 1734 p<sup>r</sup> Order of Elder Sayward & Dan: Witham Clerk

Ezekiel Day one white Horse and one gray Mare  
 Colt coming two years old with a white belt in y<sup>e</sup> Shape  
 of his nose Star in his forehead entered April 8. 1734  
 at Gloucester p<sup>r</sup> Order of Day & Dan: Witham Clerk

Vinson Alias Vincent Elwell one Black  
 Horse Entered April 13. 1734.

Widow Rebeckah Witham one Red Mare with a  
 White Star in her forehead & Black Manes & Tail, &  
 one Brown Colt one year old Entered April 22. 1734.

Elisha Somers one Bay Mares with a White Mane  
 & Tail about eight years old Entered April 13. 1734

Daniel Witham one Horse a gelding a Brown Bay  
 with a white Blaze in his forehead & right hind  
 foot partly white. Entered April. 22. 1734.

Deacon Ebenezer Parsons one  
 entered April 25. 1734. Mar

Thomas Witham two Horses one a Dark & other one Bay  
 both having some white spots abt<sup>y</sup> Entered April 25. 1734

Nymphas Stacy one White flecked Horse about 9 years  
 old Entered July 23. 1734

Feb 1701 Several certifi-ll marks belonging to the 263  
Inhabitant of Gloucester for their protest in  
Shut off 1000 for the year 1701 is on the  
marked do weaver this time for the year 1700  
101

Feb 1701 Thomas Digg for his mark was cut off  
1700:701 the two certifi-ll marks of his protest is  
a hole in the left ear and the right ear is slit  
from the top and cut in from the fore part of the  
ear to the slit and the piece of the ear on the fore side took  
quite away

Feb 1701 Thomas Digg Junior his mark for his protest  
1700:701 is the top of the left ear is cut square of and  
the right ear is slit down from the top and  
the fore part cut square in and the piece of the  
fore side of the ear took quite away

Feb 1701 John Digg his mark for his protest  
1700:701 both ears are marked alike viz slit down  
from the top of the ears and cut in square on the  
top ear side and the piece took quite away

Feb 1701 Thomas Joseph Cellin his mark for his protest  
1700:701 is a slit in the top of the left ear

Feb 1701 John Sargeant his mark for his protest  
1700:701 is a drop on the right ear and a wallows  
hole in the left ear

Feb 1701 John Day his mark for his protest is a  
1700:701 drop on both ears and slit where the ears  
are cut far down the ears that is both ears  
and in a line cut out in the under side of  
the left ear  
these were all entered according to their de-  
mand 24<sup>th</sup> 1701

Samuell Sargeant his mark for his protest is a hollow  
drop on the left ear

Nathaniell Ditt his mark for his protest is the  
top of both ears cut off may 17<sup>th</sup> day 1701

Annuch Dikin her mark for her protest is a  
slit in the top of the right ear may 17<sup>th</sup> 1701

George Newboy the mark of his protest is  
two slits in the under side of the right ear  
may 17<sup>th</sup> 1701

John Will his mark for his protest is as follows  
the right ear is the top cut square of and the  
left ear is the top of it cut like unto a wallows  
hole September 15<sup>th</sup> 1701

James Davis his mark for his protest is as follows  
the right ear is slit from the top half way down to ear  
and the left ear is cut a square so far as it will slit  
a wallows hole

James Davis Junior his mark for his protest is  
a half penny under each ear  
the marks of the protest that is William Diggard  
is owner of and brings to Summer or winter upon his  
att lobliely point so waly called is a drop on  
the near ear and a wallows hole in the other ear  
and the other ear is a drop and a slit down the side  
the mark that Nathaniell Ditt gives his protest  
the top of both ears is cut of white is called  
a dropping of both ears

these four severall mens mark was enter the  
4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1701

Anthony Pearson his mark for his protest  
is a half penny under each ear and a slit  
in the ear this mens mark was

Benjamin Huradan his mark for his protest  
is a slit both ears from the top near the root of the  
ear and the hind ear part of the ear is cut off  
slit cut of from the ear

Butman his mark for his protest  
is a slit both ears from the top near the root of the  
ear and the hind ear part of the ear is cut off  
slit cut of from the ear



29<sup>th</sup> John Bray his distinctive mark for his brothers is as follows  
The left ear is slit from the top downward near the  
very end the ear hole cut away by the end of the  
slit and the right ear slit down from the top near  
to the middle of the ear

Eschall Jay his mark for his brothers is as follows  
The right ear is the top out of square and the  
left ear hole a hole through one or half way out  
of a brown the same ear  
these two mens marks was entered may 21<sup>st</sup> 1702

Thomas Gray the mark for his brothers is as follows  
Left ear is cross of square and slit down the same  
ear in the mid of the square face

Northall Sawgent the mark for his brothers is  
as follows both like unto a swallows tails and the  
right ear lying the off

Eschall & John Roberts and Looff the mark  
for his brothers which was his & vander ether John  
Roberts did make his brothers in his left hand being  
the top of both ears slit

John Davis the mark of his brothers are as follows  
the left ear drilled the near side the top of the ear  
cut square of and split down the middle of the same ear  
February the 14<sup>th</sup> 1702

Phillip Stumwood the mark of his brothers are as follows  
the left ear slit down from the top and the lower part of the  
ear cut away as far as it is slit month 7<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1702 1703

Jonathan Stumwood the mark for his brothers are as follows  
the right ear is slit from the top and the lower part cut away  
the bottom of the slit and the left ear slit down from the top  
and the lower part of the same ear cut away to the bottom of  
the slit month the 18<sup>th</sup> 1702 1703

Charles Norwood his mark for his brothers are as follows  
A hole in the left ear and the top of the same ear  
cut forked like unto a swallows tails entered the  
12<sup>th</sup> day of may 1703

John Ballou the mark for his brothers are as follows  
the right ear is slit from the top down the middle of the  
ear half way and the left ear is slit below may 17<sup>th</sup> 1703

Mathew the mark for his brothers  
is a hole in the right ear may 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1703  
Peter Bonst his mark for his brothers is a hole in  
each ear - near June 7<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1703

John Nowman the mark for his brothers is  
as follows that is a hole in the right ear  
Samuell Dow the mark for his brothers  
is an halpenny in the upper part of the right  
ear November 27<sup>th</sup> 1703

Samuell Storing his mark for his brothers is as  
follows the top of the left ear cut square  
of and the under side of the same ear cut out  
toward the lower edge of the ear and toward  
the middle of the ear the mark of the under side of the ear  
the piece that is cut out hangs in the ear a mark  
and cut the edge and brought to a sharp point in the  
ear January the 1<sup>st</sup> 1703

Joseph Heirwood the mark for his brothers  
is the top of both ears out of square and the  
left ear is slit down with one slit Feb: 8<sup>th</sup> 1703

James Parsons the mark for his brothers  
the left ear is slit down from the top towards the  
middle of the ear and the right ear is slit down from the top  
towards the middle of the ear and the lower part of the  
same ear in the middle of the ear  
March the 20<sup>th</sup> 1704

Samuel Dot the mark for his brothers are as follows  
the left ear is slit slanting upon the under side of the  
ear from the under side to the top of the upper side of the  
ear and the top of the right ear cut forked like unto  
the fashion of a swallows tails entered June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1704

the mark of Nathaniel Bray for his brothers is as  
follows the left ear is slit down from the top near to the  
middle and the under part cut away at the end of the slit  
and the right ear slit down from the top near to the  
middle of the ear and a halpenny cut out of the under  
side of the same ear

no mark of Jemmy Dey for his creature  
is as follows viz a hole in the right ear and  
at the top of the left ear and the left ear slit from the  
top downwards & very near the  
Joshua Novice the  
is as follows viz a hole in the right ear and  
at the top of the under side of the left ear and  
the head  
John Smith ear which is called the near ear & the  
of the left ear which is called the under ear & the  
of January the 8<sup>th</sup> 1704 & the under side of the  
of the left ear

John White minister the mark for his creature  
is as follows the top of the right ear out of  
square and a double V out out of the upper side of  
the same ear

the mark of Abigail Bonnett's creature is as follows  
a half penny out out in the under side of the right ear  
and a hole in the left ear

Anthony Bonnett the mark for his creature is as  
follows a half penny out out of the under side of both  
ears and the top of the right ear out square of  
Feb: 28<sup>th</sup> 1704

Thomas Sanders the mark for his creature is  
two holes in the right ear June 11<sup>th</sup> 1705

Morris Smith the mark for his creature is a  
split in the top of the left ear and so down toward  
the mid of the ear

Stephen Robinson the mark for his creature  
is a split in the top of the left ear and a  
half penny in the upper side of the right ear

Joseph Gardner the mark for his creature is  
as follows the top of the right ear is split  
down from the top half way toward the head  
and a half penny out out of the under side  
of the same ear

Edward Henshaw the mark for his creature  
is as follows the top of both the ears is out of  
square and a split out down the mid of both the  
ears viz in each ear a split

Edw. Dyer the mark for his creature is as  
follows the top of the right ear out square of and  
a half penny out under the same ear

the top of the right ear is as follows  
one hole in the top of the right ear and  
the other split is upon that side of the ear next to the  
horn or head being the upper part of the ear

Bonjamin Hooper the mark for his creature is a  
half penny under the right ear and a piece out out of  
the top of the same ear which makes the top of the ear  
look forked in the fashion of a swallow's tail

E. Bonner Dyer the mark for his creature is as  
follows viz a half penny under the right ear and  
a half penny upon the upper side of the left ear

Thomas Giddings the mark for his creature is as  
follows the top of the left ear out square of and  
the top of the right ear out forked like unto a swallow's  
tail

Joseph Dey se retains his father's mark for his creature  
viz that is a hole in the left ear and a half penny out out of the  
under side of the same ear April 28<sup>th</sup> 1707

John Bennett the mark for his creature is as follows viz  
that is a half penny out out of the upper side of both ears

Francis Novice the mark for his creature is as follows  
the top of the left ear out square of and a piece out out of  
the top of the under side of the same ear brought the ear  
upward in the right ear and a half penny out out of the  
hole in the right ear and a split out in the  
side of the same ear that is a split

Samuel Dyer the mark for his creature is as follows  
the top of both ears split down almost to the mid of the ear  
and the upper side next to the horn out square in and  
the pores look quite away and a half penny out out of  
the under side of both ears



266 the marks of the Widdow Sarah Law for her husband  
is as followeth viz slit down the top of both Ears and  
a slit out in the under side of yo left ear may 17<sup>th</sup> 1707  
the marks of the ... of William ... is as  
followeth the top of the left ear cut square of and  
the same ear slit from the square top down to  
the ear and a half penny cut out on the under side  
of the same ear December 1<sup>st</sup> 1707

April 4<sup>th</sup> 1708

the marks of the ... of Thomas ... is as  
followeth viz both Ears slit down from the  
top of the ear about half way down  
and a half penny cut out on the under side of  
the left ear

the marks of the ... of ... is as follow  
eth viz the top of the right ear cut square of and a  
half penny cut out on the under side of the same ear  
viz the right ear is slit in two places from the top  
down towards the middle of the ear leaving the gap of the  
top of the ear between the slit June 1<sup>st</sup> 1708  
Joseph ... the marks of his ... is as follow  
eth viz a half penny cut out of the upper side of the  
left ear Elias the ...

Richard ... the marks for his ... is as followeth  
the top of the right ear is cut square of and a half penny  
cut out of the under side of the left ear Dies the new  
year October 4<sup>th</sup> 1708

John Gilbert the marks for his ... is the top of the  
right ear cut of square and the left ear is cut in the  
under side square in and then a space cut away on the under  
side quite to the top of the ear

John ... the marks for his ... is as follow  
eth viz the top of the left ear cut square of and a half penny  
cut out on the under side of the same ear  
and a half penny cut out of the under side of the  
top of both Ears cut square of and a half penny cut  
out in the under side of both the Ears

John Browne the marks for his ... is as followeth  
the top of the right ear is cut square of

John Hamman the marks for his ... is as  
followeth the top of both Ears cut of square and  
two slits cut down in the square of the left  
ear

Samuel Ingalls the marks for his ... is as followeth  
viz a half penny cut out on the fore side of both Ears and  
the top of the right ear Elias the ...

John ... the second ... marks for his ... is  
as followeth the top of both Ears cut square of  
and a half penny cut out in the middle of the right ear and a half  
made in the left ear

the marks of ... the left ear is slit from the top to the  
bottom of the ear and the under side of the left ear is cut  
square of and a half penny cut out in the middle of the  
right ear and a half penny cut out in the middle of the  
left ear Entered in November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1711

the marks of Josiah Woodhewers ... is as followeth  
the left ear is cut boxed like unto a swallows tail and  
the right ear is the top of it cut square of and a half penny  
cut out of the fore side of the same ear Entered March 19<sup>th</sup> 1712

the marks of Thomas Gorgiant for his ... is  
as followeth the top of both Ears slit down near the middle of the  
ears March 1<sup>st</sup> 1711

the marks of William ... for his ... is  
as followeth viz both Ears cut sloping at the under  
side of the ear at the top of both the Ears in an arc  
1711

The Mark of Sam<sup>l</sup> Whistemoor's Regt. his Creatures is  
the same as Mr Ebenezer Parsons viz the Top of the  
Right Ear cut square off and a half penny cut the same  
Ear Entered Oct<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1716

207  
John Brown for the mark for his creature is as followeth  
viz the top of both ears out of square and a slit out upon  
the under side of both ears  
Samuel Stocking the mark for his creature is as followeth  
viz the top of both ears out of square and two slits cut  
down from the square top of the right ear down towards the  
head Entered August 27<sup>th</sup> 1712

Elisba Tharney the mark for his creature is as followeth  
viz that is a halpenny cut out of the under side of the  
left ear, a slit the near ear, and a slit in the middle of the  
bottom of the wound into the middle of said ear

John Wigg the mark for his creature is as followeth viz  
the top of both ears out of square of near the middle  
of the ears and a halpenny cut out of the under side of the  
left ear

William Kinnison the mark for his creature is as  
followeth viz the right ear is cut down the middle from the  
top of the ear to the middle of the ear and the top of the  
left ear to the middle of the ear and the top of the  
right ear to the middle of the ear and the top of the  
left ear to the middle of the ear and the top of the  
right ear to the middle of the ear and the top of the  
left ear to the middle of the ear

Northemall Sawyer the mark for his creature  
is as followeth viz the top of the right ear is cut  
like a swallow's tail and the left ear is a slit of square  
into a halpenny cut out on the under side of the  
same ear

John Gutridge the mark for his creature is the top of the  
left ear out of square and a piece cut away in the under  
side of the same ear being the near ear

John Smith Junr his mark for his creature is the top of  
the left ear out of square and a piece cut away on  
the upper side of the same ear being the near ear

John Low the mark for his creature is a slit in the top  
of both the ears may 20<sup>th</sup> day 1714

The mark of the creature of mark Robert is as followeth  
viz the right ear is cut in square on both ears. William  
the middle of the ear and the top and a piece cut away to the  
top of the ear on both ears and a halpenny cut out on the  
under side of the same ear June 17<sup>th</sup> 1714

The mark of John Edwards of Ephraim Street is as followeth  
viz the top of both ears out of square and a slit cut in  
the under side of the right ear Elias of Ears

Samuel Pearce the mark for his creature is as followeth  
viz a halpenny cut out of the fore part of both the ears  
and a slit cut in the top of the left ear Elias the  
near ear a third part down the ear  
Entered June the 13<sup>th</sup> 1715

Shamers Mayson the mark for his creature is as followeth  
that is to say a hole about the middle of the left ear  
and a slit in the upper side of the same ear next to the  
head and the top of the right slit ear is near half  
way the ear

Hugh Hunt the mark for his creature is as followeth  
viz two holes in the left ear and a slit in the middle of  
the right ear Entered November 17 1715


Joseph Sargant his mark for his creature is a hollow crop or  
swallows tail in the left ear, and a half-pony cut out  
under the bands May 22, 1716

Coicester Sept. 17. 1717. These testify that I the Subscriber  
have assigned the mark of my cattle and other creatures  
to my Son Andrew Riggs. witness my hand Thomas Riggs

Joseph Lufkin his mark for his creature is: a slit in the top of the  
right ear, a little on the upper side of the ear and a little notch  
under the right ear, left ear. Entered Aug. 6, 1718

John Cotton his mark for his creature is: a slit in the  
left ear, and then the under part of the ear is cut off and  
cut off. Oct. 30. 1718






1777  
Mr. James Gots Mark  a nick upper side of  
the near ear of a swallows tail in each ear

Mr. Francis Pod. Mark Crop of right ear  
left ear swallows tail on the end of half primary  
under side

Deacon Nathaniel Haskell his Cattle marked  
June 12 penny on the upper side & under side of the  
9<sup>th</sup> right ear.

1777 M<sup>r</sup>. William Haskell his Cattle marked as above  
only besides is a slit in the top of the right  
ear.



27 Mr. Pesta Coffins mark Entered April 18. 1732  28  
Abraham Davis his mark Entered May: 24. 1732:   
Samuell Luines march Entered Sept: 11. 1732:   
Joseph Allen. His Mark Entered March. 22/1732  
Two Splits in the Near or Left Ear In the following  
Thigh  
This Mark of Two Splits in the Left Ear is  
~~John Allen's mark~~ his mark ~~the~~

of his Creature is a swaller's tail  
in Each ear & half penny in the  
under side of the right Entered April 29 1734

The Mark of Morris Millet is the Same Mark  
which his Father Thomas Millet had for his  
Creatures.

John Rows Mark is An Half Crop in  
under Side of Each Ear and an Half penny  
in under Side of right Ear.

Entered The above Mark is the Mark of his Son  
John's Cattle. entered April 30. 1793.

Joseph Sawood's Mark for his Cattle is a  
Crop of right & half Crop in upper  
side of the Left Ear.

Samuel Herrick junr's Mark of his Cattle is  
the Top of the right Ear cut Square off  
an Half penny cut out off fore side of  
Same Ear Entered May 21<sup>st</sup> 1739

Samuel Sayword's Mark for his Cattle the  
Same which is entered before as father James  
Sayword, Mark Entered May  
21<sup>st</sup> 1739

Thomas Herricks Mark An Half penny upon  
the under side of the right Ear Another upon the  
fore or upper side of left Ear & a Slit in the  
Top of the right Ear entered July 16. 1741.

William Allen's Mark is Crop off of both Ears  
entered March 18. 1744.

Samuel Stevens junr's Mark is Two Splits  
in Each Ear from the Top toward the Head  
May 29<sup>th</sup> 1745: Entered on Record.

David Allens Mark for his Creatures is that  
which is recorded as the Mark of Anna Judkin  
viz & a Slit in the Top of the Right Ear recorded  
April 29<sup>th</sup> 1748.

Benjamin Woodberrys Mark is both Ears cut  
off Square half Way to the Head and a Slit  
across on the under side of both Ears  
August 16<sup>th</sup> 1748.

Jonathan Howoods Mark for his Creatures is the  
Top of the Left Ear cut square off & a Slit in  
under side of Same Ear and an Hole in the Right  
Ear. Entered November 8<sup>th</sup> 1749.

William Rowe's Mark of Cattle, is the same with that of  
his Father, Maj. John Rowe, recorded above, viz - An half  
Crop in the under side of each ear, and an half penny in the fore side  
of the right Ear - entered April 20<sup>th</sup> 1802.

Benjamin Foster's Mark of his Cattle is a the near Ear cropt and two Slits ~~in~~ across the under Side of the same near or left Ear entered December the 14<sup>th</sup> 1759

Mark Pool on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1764 informed that he had always hitherto & makes up still of the Mark for his Creature that his Father Joshua Pool used as it is recorded in page 26<sup>th</sup> of the Entry of Marks. — viz a Crop of the left Ear.

James Collins his Mark is one Slit in the Right Ear & two in the left Ear.

Jacob Allen's Mark is one Slit in the left Ear. both entered 29<sup>th</sup> September 1770.

We June 19<sup>th</sup> 1772. after Search made no person living now having this Nathaniel Wharfe's Mark viz. an Half penny under the Right Ear Mr Nathaniel Kent had the same entered as the Mark of his Creature.

Caleb Pool join his Mark is a Crop of the right Ear he has bot 2 Steers marked with a half penny on the upper side of the right Ear

John Hubbard (sq) his Mark is a Crop of both Ears & an half Crop of the upper side of the right Ear January 29<sup>th</sup> 1775.

John Low Jr. the Mark of his Cattle is a half Crop the under side of the Right Ear. — Entered July 21<sup>st</sup> 1793.

Andrew Pearce, the Mark of his Cattle is a Crop off the Right, and a Slit in the same Ear and a Slit in the left Ear. — Entered June 7<sup>th</sup> 1794.

We the Subscribers constituted by the Select Men of Manchester and Gloucester to perambulate the Line & know the Bounds between our said Towns have pursuant to said Appointment, convened on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May 1772. and renewed said Bounds Beginning at the stump at Gray Beck from thence to the Steep of Rocks near Job's Bridge & from thence to Gardner's Tree so called. and from thence to the Steep of Rocks the Corner Bound between Ipswich Manchester & Gloucester.

For Gloucester  
Daniel Witham  
John Low

For Manchester  
Jonathan Henrick  
Benjamin Kimball

We the Subscribers Committee appointed by the Selectmen of Gloucester and Ipswich to perambulate the Line between the said Towns, have attended that Business this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1792. Beginning at the heap of Rocks the Corner Bound between the said Towns thence northwardly to the great white Oak Tree, and Marked the same, thence to the Appletree in Ingworths Land, so called & marked the same, thence to the Oak Tree by the Road and marked the same, thence to the Elm Tree by the Wall on the line, and marked the same, thence to the River

Joshua Choate Jr. & Ipswich  
Aaron Choate

Stephen Washburn & Gloucester  
Stephen Washburn Jr.



272 Strays in Gloucester 1751 to 1764. (33)

The Naturell and Artificial Marks of a  
Mare taken up Samuel Hadlock as a Stray  
on November 9<sup>th</sup> 1751

Artificial Mark with the Letter K upon  
the fore Shoulder on the Left Side

Naturell of a red Bay colour with a  
Streak in her Forehead Shod all round

Dated Nov<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1751. and then entered.

Taken up a float near the Shore of the Town of  
Gloucester and Manchester by Jacob Heberd and  
Benjamin Morgan of Gloucester on the fifth  
Day of September 1754 a large Mares almost  
new with the Painter on Board without any  
Oars or any Thing else on Board Which had  
been newly graved

Entered September the 7<sup>th</sup> 1754 by E. Witham  
Town Clerk

Taken up of ~~it~~ in Ipswich Bay by William  
Tucker of Gloucester on Friday the 10 Day  
of September 1756 a Gondola about  
32 feet long & 8 feet wide with a  
Painter & Stake tied to it and grown  
green with being long at Leg

Entered September 13<sup>th</sup> 1756 by  
Daniel Witham Town Clerk

Taken up on the third Day of December 1760 by  
Stephens Stanford of Gloucester a gray brown & silver  
coming two years old with some White on one  
of her hind Legs and a Crop in the near Ear.  
Entered Jan<sup>y</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1761

Taken up by Caleb Tarr of Gloucester a Stray  
Heifer coming three years old of a brownish red  
Colour and a face spotted or speckled with White  
having a slit in the Right Ear and the lower  
part thereof cut off and a Crop or piece cut  
out of the lower part of the left Ear  
Entered December 17<sup>th</sup> 1761.

Taken up by Lieut. Thomas Allen of Gloucester  
on the fourth Day of December 1764 a <sup>running</sup> calf  
of a reddish brown Colour Tail almost white white  
under her Belly no artificial Mark somewhat  
small for her Age

now and age of the house and the date of the  
of a house bought to Sumner upon the town of 1702  
one of the windows with a chimney under the left ear  
two floors of three years old marked the top of the  
out of square two of one year old of the same  
marking the top of the left ear out of square

Richard Day of Wingham by birth of half of Thomas  
of Leamington to Wingham, he bought of Nathaniel Stone  
of Wingham, bought to Sumner upon the town of 1702  
one half of three years old of one year old in three floors  
upon the left roof toward Wingham R.D.  
two floors one of one year old and the other 3 years old  
the top of both ears out of square and whole  
in the right ear  
in the year 1703 the mark on the left ear out of the top  
of it and a hole in the same and two yearlings  
the mark of the date that John Stent brought to Sumner  
upon the town in year 1702 was two yearlings and one  
with a star of white in the forehead and the other is black and  
the mark is the top of the left ear is out of

Strays taken up in Gloucester

December 19, 1716. This may certify whom it may concern that Abraham Robinson hath taken up a stray Mare  
her marks are, she is chiefly of Red Colour with a black main &  
Tail, something white about her belly and legs.

December 21, 1721. This may certify whom it may concern: That  
Mark Haskell hath taken up a Stray Heifer of about 2. or 3. years  
old of a dark red colour. marked with <sup>top</sup> white in the Right Ear.

Feb. 11, 1722/3, this may certify whom it may concern that Thomas  
Sargeant hath taken up a stray Colt about 2 years old a dark brown  
colour. note tis a horse Colt.

Gloucester March 4<sup>th</sup> 1735

This is to give Notice, that Francis Anonius  
of this Town of Gloucester has taken up and Offic  
Mouth of Cape Ann Harbour a Boat fashion built  
Canoe ~~and~~ or a flat bottomed Boat a drift  
boat. She is about fourteen foot long and  
about three foot wide.

Gloucester June 3: 1738

Taken up abt. 4<sup>th</sup> of East Week of May last by Samuel  
Davis & Thomas Dreper off of Cape Ann a  
Gundelo or Flat Bottom Boat about 30 feet  
long & Eleven feet wide

Taken up as a Stray this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of December  
1746 By John Corney of Gloucester an Heifer  
coming three years old white behind her  
fore shoulders with a bob Tail black  
and both Ears cropt.

Taken up with a Dairy part a silver  
hence back near the New Meeting House in  
Gloucester. the Owner may have it again depositing  
the Mark and Enquiring of my Sargent  
Glouc June 1747.

Taken up at Gloucester on the New Shore on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Instant by Joshua Norwood & others in Company Part of  
the Wreck of a Topsail Vessel some Blocks & Logwood  
Gloucester January of 10<sup>th</sup> 1750.  
Carry'd back



Ex. se.  
 December 17<sup>th</sup> 1739 We the Sub-  
 scribers a Committee appointed by the Select Men  
 of our Towns Respectively to perambulate  
 the Line between the Town of Ipswich &  
 Gloucester & renew the Bounds thereof met  
 on said Day At the Heap of Rocks at Man-  
 chester North Corner Bounds and from  
 thence perambulated said Line byundry  
 Bounds which We renewed finishing at an  
 Heap of Rocks in the northerly End of But-  
 lers Wall So called by the Marsh Side as  
 Witness our Hands the Day above said

John Choate	William Haskell	} Committee of Gloucester
Solomon Giddings	James Davis	
	Josiah Kent	
	Nathaniel Haskell	

} Committee of Ipswich

We whose Names are underwritten Select  
 Men of Gloucester have appointed the Person  
 hereafter Named viz<sup>t</sup> Capt William Haskell  
 James Godfree & Joseph Haskell to be a  
 Committee to meet with the Persons appointed by  
 the Select Men of Ipswich to perambulate  
 the Bounds between the two Towns.  
 Gloucester January 27<sup>th</sup> 1742  
 Daniel Witham Atty.  
 Elery Abraham Davis

February 7<sup>th</sup> 1742 We whose Names  
 are hereunto Subscribed being Chosen &  
 appointed by the Select Men of the Towns  
 of Ipswich and Gloucester to perambulate  
 the Bound between the said Towns hav-  
 ing this Day met together at the Heap of  
 Stones at Manchester Northly corner bounds  
 We marked a Small White Oak Tree there  
 going upon the said Line We marked Trees  
 and renewed the Bound thro the said  
 Line till We came to the Heap of Stones  
 near the Creek belonging to William Butler

Thomas Choate Junr.	William Haskell
Solomon Giddings	Joseph Haskell
Daniel Giddings	James Godfrey

November 8<sup>th</sup> 1742 We the Subscribers  
 of Manchester and Gloucester met together and  
 perambulated the Line & renewed the bound,  
 formerly made  
 for Gloucester  
 Nathaniel Elery  
 William Haskell  
 Jedidiah Davis

for Manchester  
 Thomas Lee  
 Robert Herrick.

We the Subscribers being met together on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1745 have perambulated the Line between the Towns of Manchester and Gloucester & renewed the Boundaries beginning at the White Oak Tree at the Eastern End of Gray's Beach & the Boundaries formerly renewed to the Heap of Rocks.

Gloucester  
Timothy Day  
William Parsons

Manchester  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Herrick  
John Lee Jun<sup>r</sup>.

The Subscribers Select Men of Gloucester have appointed mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Stebbins William Haskell 4<sup>th</sup> and Nathaniel Haskell or any two of them to be a Committee to meet the Committee appointed by the Select Men of Manchester to perambulate the Boundaries between the 2 Towns Good March 30<sup>th</sup> 1748

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1748 We the Subscribers met and perambulated the Line and marked the Trees and renewed the Boundaries between Manchester and Gloucester from Gray Beach to the Heap of Stones

Joseph Stebbins

Robert Herrick

Nath<sup>l</sup> Haskell

Benjamin Lee

William Haskell 3

At a Meeting of the Select Men of Gloucester on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1751 Ordered That Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Haskell David Haskell Isaac Haskell Nathaniel Haskell or any two of them be appointed to meet the Select Men of Ipswich on y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> instant at 10 o<sup>clock</sup> before noon to perambulate the Line between the two Towns

attest Daniel Witham Town Clerk

December y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1751 We the Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Select Men of Gloucester and Ipswich met on y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> instant at the Heap of Rocks and perambulated the Line and renewed the Boundaries from the said Heap of Rocks to the Center Stamp.

Job Gidding

Nathaniel Haskell

John Andrews Jun<sup>r</sup>

David Haskell

Jacob Story Jun<sup>r</sup>

Isaac Haskell

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Select Men of Ipswich and Gloucester to perambulate the Lines between said Towns met this Twelfth Day of December 1754 at the Heap of Rocks the Corner Boundaries between Ipswich and Gloucester and perambulated said Line from



from the Heap of Rocks to a white Oak Tree<sup>34</sup>  
by a Stump and from thence to a hollow white  
Oak Stump near a pitch Pine and from thence  
to a large Hemlock and from thence to a  
white Oak between two great flat Rocks  
from thence to a large white Oak from  
thence to an Apple Tree near Ingalls's House  
marking the said Trees 1754 from thence to  
a red Oak at the Corner of the Stone Wall  
by Ingalls from thence to a maple Tree  
from thence to a white Oak thence to the  
Centre Stump

William Haskell ) Com<sup>te</sup> Samuel Rogers ) Com<sup>te</sup>  
John Parsons for Francis Choate for Jp  
Peter Coffin ) Gloucester John Patch Jd ) Ipswich  
1754

Whereas the Select Men of Ipswich have  
appointed the fifth Day of January next to  
perambulate the Line between the said Town & Gloucester

We the Select Men of Gloucester have appointed  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nathaniel Haskell Peter Coffin and Tho<sup>s</sup>  
ma<sup>s</sup> Jaques a Committee to meet the Select Men of  
Ipswich or whom they shall appoint in Order  
to perambulate the said Line Dated at Gloucester  
on 30<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1760.

We the Subscribers Select Men of the town  
of Ipswich & a Committee of the said Town  
have this Day met the Committee of the Town of  
Gloucester at the Heap of Rocks the Southern  
Bound between said Towns and from thence  
We perambulated the Line between the said  
Towns and renewed the Bound as well  
as our stands, John Giddings  
Ipswich January 5 1760 Isaac Smith

We the Subscribers appointed a Committee by the  
Select Men of Ipswich and the Select Men of Glo-  
cester to perambulate the Line between the  
said Town of Ipswich & Gloucester have been on  
said Line and renew the Bound as before  
mentioned between said Towns in former  
Perambulations

Ipswich January 28 1761 Samuel Burnam  
Jacobellory jun<sup>r</sup>  
Com<sup>te</sup> from Ipswich  
Peter Coffin John Low  
Samuel Whittemore Select  
men of Gloucester

At a town meeting at the Common Hall on the 29th 1703  
 James Davis was chosen moderator  
 John parsons and John Dinger was chosen to tell the town  
 Thomas Dingle was chosen clerk at the meeting for  
 a common

Senior Joseph allin Jos. Nathanael Dent and Thomas  
 High Sr was Elected and chosen at the meeting at  
 the family to become all the names that should be  
 brought to them concerning common rights and so  
 to make reports to the Commoners of those that lent  
 claims to common right

At a Commoners meeting January 29th 1703  
 Dr. John James parsons was chosen moderator for the meeting  
 John day was chosen liberty given him at the meeting to sit by  
 with all either upon the hill or in the hall or in the  
 woods the ground of willis. Some or any other convenient  
 place upon the town commons where the workman  
 is to build it shall think most fit. but for the town  
 and mill and to be finished at the furthest by the  
 year and end day after the date above said to be from  
 forward to the law of the province and the town  
 of other willis that was chosen to receive the claims  
 2ly the family that was chosen at this commoners meeting to  
 to make entry of those claims that were brought in to  
 the family and to be in the commoners meeting and to  
 be entered in the town book of record for land with  
 his survey annexed to it that the claims of the  
 common right be recorded to the persons in possession of  
 the land but so that if a former or latter claim  
 comes in upon a better and more lawful right  
 than the person now claiming shall have  
 the right by virtue of this order unless  
 common right claimants  
 William Coghill so Dr. John parsons and  
 James norwood had each of them a common right  
 given to them at this commoners meeting

The family above mentioned had power and order  
 by the commoners at this meeting given them to

Call a commoners meeting when need shall require

the commoners to meet together  
 John parsons Jos. Joseph allin and James Davis for  
 were chosen a family to look after any that have  
 taken in any of the towns common lands high ways or  
 watering places and to cause them to lay it out to  
 the town again or to pay an acknowledgment to  
 the town for the use of it and to settle bounds

And to John Sargeant John parsons Richard  
 and Nathanael parsons liberty to cut the  
 wood that is in the upper pond about three sun  
 and all newmans

whereas Jos. Joseph allin John parsons and James  
 Davis for were chosen a family at a commoners  
 meeting in October January 29th 1703

At the general town meeting the 29th day of

March 1703 were now chosen the 29th day of  
 that all of the major part of them and especially  
 to look after any person or persons that have  
 encroached upon the towns common and to settle  
 bounds with them and upon any person who  
 refuseth to agree that have encroached the  
 family had power to prosecute such  
 offender or offenders at law as the town shall  
 require or to compound and agree on the  
 towns behalf as they shall think meet  
 best for the towns benefit

Given to Joseph York and common right if he had not one  
 belong to the house he bought of Thomas wigam his  
 common right was given to the town at the  
 the towns meeting in October 1703  
 in which there did not a common right belong to the  
 house above



Common rights

At the provisor's or

James persons was chosen more  
said meeting  
it was the Committee that was chosen to receive  
was now chosen again at this meeting and that  
was brought into the Committee and voted in the Com-  
mittee to make entry of those lands that w-  
into the Committee and to be entered in the town's book  
for lands  
It was also chosen John persons James Davis  
to be a Committee to look after any person that  
any of the town's common lands high ways or w-  
and to cause them to lay it out to the Common's use  
they can know of and to the town's for the use  
to settle bounds

At the general town's meeting in November

March the first day 1703/4

That the Committee next about mentioned under  
Ch now at this meeting and appointed by the  
that all or the major part of them to look after  
that have taken in any of the town's common  
high ways or watering places and to cause  
lay it out to the Common's use or to  
adgment to the town's for the use of it

At the meeting of the provisor's or

the 4th day of February 1711/12

in Gloucester

James Davis was chosen moderator  
The High was chosen to be chosen for  
to Samuel Stobens two small tracts  
of fishing sloops a small provided that he put the  
the least of much following word  
granted to Elias Dwyer one tract to make a  
sloops provided he put it by the least of men  
voted that hereafterwards no person or persons shall own  
or otherwise upon the town's land or to be sold  
to the town's for the use of being proscribed  
voted that the Committee that was chosen to call the  
that hand or shall transgress on the Common's land of  
names are as follows viz Ezekiel Collins Thomas High  
James Davis John persons John Dwyer so Samuel Stobens  
hereafter given them by the Committee at this meeting  
that have or shall transgress by agreeing with them  
transgressors for cutting of timber upon the town's  
otherwise the Committee did adjourn the meeting from  
of February the 17th to the 18th day of the same month  
voted that hereafterwards persons who shall and John Sa-  
voted that the Committee shall a Committee to enter the  
that they were Land Owners to and whom they do

that James Davis Ezekiel Collins and Thomas High  
chosen a Committee to enter the Common rights  
that whereas the nine men Committee had laid out Elias  
of swampy land which the said Dwyer was to  
Committee by vote did give him and return the price of

provisors or Committee's meeting August 23rd 1712  
James Davis was chosen by vote moderator for said meeting  
to make choice of James Davis Samuel Stobens  
Ezekiel Collins to be a Committee fully empowered or the major  
them on the town's behalf to settle the bounds between the  
Committee and Mr Peter Collins farm

provisors or Committee's meeting in Gloucester September 3rd 1712  
the bounds that the Committee that was appointed to  
between the provisors of meadows and the town's  
and broken meadows which lay as common  
did settle the bounds between Mr John Norman  
and Mr John Norman  
ground and to be recorded  
is on the other side

ordered to be the agent to act in  
enough to the engraving above written

meeting was adjourned by vote to the second meeting of  
next following to begin at nine of the clock in the  
n October the 13<sup>th</sup> 1712 the townsmen met but not all and  
nothing they met about  
a proprietors or townsmen meeting in October February  
10<sup>th</sup> day 1712/13  
Elder James person was chosen moderator for said meeting  
was to choose 3 men to tell the votes the Bigger John King and  
an Sawyer  
ordered to choose Johnson as sett of m<sup>th</sup> for the relief he is  
in building

ordered to Ebenezer Davis others to make a mast for his shop  
now in building  
to choose Ebenezer Jacob Davis and Timothy Day for  
others to make a mast one to make a bow for them one to  
that the townsmen that have been employed in town  
one to be in account of what they have done at the  
townsmen meeting  
ordered to adjourn the meeting till the 24<sup>th</sup> day of this  
to begin at nine of the clock in the fore noon

townsmen and proprietors meeting by adjournment from  
of February 1712/13 to the 24<sup>th</sup> of the said month  
to gather at the place appointed and the moderator  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> day did not appear at said meeting  
town about public business

townsmen chose Elder James Sayward to be moderator for meeting  
ordered that the committee of nine men which was chosen in June  
1707 for leasing out of lands shall not proceed to  
of any more land for want to the said act by selling  
of land for money unto the towns account  
that the towns do allow hands good and conform  
into each person to whom the committee of nine men  
is out land unto both townsmen and purchasers that is  
all those that have land pursuant to the vote in June  
10<sup>th</sup> day 1707

ordered that if James Davis Thomas Bray so and Joseph Gardner  
etc on a committee to look after any threat shall town  
pass by encroaching upon the towns common lands  
the townsmen did adjourn the townsmen meeting  
till the five<sup>th</sup> of Wednesday in march which will be the  
12<sup>th</sup> day of said month next ensuing to begin at nine of the  
clock 1713

at the townsmen meeting by adjournment from the  
24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1712/13 till the 4<sup>th</sup> day of march next  
following Elder James Sayward was moderator for said  
meeting  
voted that the reasons from whence the common  
did derive shall be entered in the towns book as  
were laid before the towns



for men in the 5<sup>th</sup> Decy 1712 13

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and in the said town of Gloucester the said Committee having made this day the said proprietors do hold good and confirm what the said Committee have done in their Affairs and do order the said Committee to of the bounds of each persons lot accordingly recorded in the town book of Records for Land Capt Joseph Allen enters his protest against the vote whereby the Town of Gloucester and proprietors have appointed a Committee of five men to lay out land to the several proprietors at the Cape and on the said Committee having made report 1712 13 doing etc. amongst meeting of what they had done in that they had done in that public and said Committee or proprietors do allow hold protest and confirm unto each person his lot the said Committee have not sent excepting out right to the said Committee widow & relict of Thomas Willet do

Gloucester December: 29: 1731: where as the Committee that was chosen to lay out the Herbeg Lots of Land in Gloucester layed out on the Town Neck about seven and a half acors of herbeg land for one lot and half: the lot by virtue of a Right Recorded to Annah Judgkin the half lot by virtue of a Right Recorded to George Harvey Juner they both lying together and not bounded a part we the subscribers have chosen Eli Davis and Joseph Allen to find and bound of the half lot in the most equal manner they can from the aforesaid lot according to the Request above mentioned. the said Davis and Allen have bounded off on the Northernly side from Tompsons North East corner eight poles to a heape of stones by the fence and from the North East corner bound lot lying to Docter Tompsons a bout eight poles to a heape of stones and so to keep the weath from end to end which is for the half herbeg lot above mentioned as also a bout eighteen acors of land laid out for George Harvey and George Harvey Juner by the North side of the Highway that leads from Town to Sandy Bay adjoining to land of Stephen Robinson on the west and on land of John Stanwood on the Este and on land of Joseph Allen on the North thus Divided by mutual agreement between Elias Davis Administrator to the Estate of George Harvey Juner and Mrs Sarah Harvey widow and Relique of George Harvey Juner is bounded thus Beginning at a white oak tree Marked and it being a bound of Land formerly laid out for John Stanwood thence Northernly a bout thirty four poles to a Hemlock tree marked and stone about it it being a bound of So Stanwoods Land thence South West only a bout thirty six poles to a white pine tree Marked and stones a bout it which is one of the Divisional Bounds thence turning South Easterly a bout thirty four poles to the Eastern side of a large Cliffe Rock with stone one the Eastern side which is the other Divisional Bound to Divide said lots In witness of what is above written we have sett to our hands.

Elias Davis  
Sarah Harvey  
James Davis  
Joseph Allen

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Gloster Aprail: 8: 1732  
whereas Cap<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Coit hath made a peice of Stonewall  
on the upland at the Head of millits Coult so called between  
his land and land of Thomas Sargents between a peaked -  
Rock and a pine tree being Two bound of Thomas Sargents  
Land said wall not being fully straight Notwithstanding  
it is mutually Agreed by us the subscribers that the Stonewall  
as it now stands shall be the true Bound between us -  
for us and our heirs for ever  
witnesses  
Nathaniel Coit  
Thomas Sargents  
Isaac Eveleth  
David Stanwood

In Agreement of a Division of Fence between  
Samuel Rush and William Goodrich - The said  
Fence was formerly Isaac Eveleth and Thomas Brays:  
Said Rush Agrees to take the Easterly part of said Fence  
which is now in Wall which said Rush made up  
as his part before now, and the said William  
Goodrich agrees to take the Westerly part of said fence  
for my part to make up and maintain Which  
Begins at the southeasterly side of the swamp at the  
Corner of the wall, where said Rush's part begins, and  
go over the swamp westerly and as the fence now  
stands to the Highway - Oct<sup>r</sup>: 31. 1774 -

Witness Present  
Abigail Haskell

Gloster. Samuel Rush  
William Goodrich

Charles Goodrich -

A True Copy - attest. John Rogers. Town Clerk

At Anniversary or Gen<sup>l</sup>: Town Meeting of the  
Freeholders and others the Inhabitants of the Town  
of Ipswich began and held March 13<sup>th</sup>. A.D. 1770  
and continued by adjournment to March 19<sup>th</sup>. A.D. 1770

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Michael Harley Moderator

The affair Relating to Chebacco Bridge, being  
under Consideration -

Voted, that this Town will accept of the Sum of  
Thirty seven Pounds Ten Shillings lawful money  
Voted to be paid by the Town of Gloucester, in order  
to obtain, a final discharge of the Contract between  
said Towns, relating to said Gloucester's finding tim-  
ber for the Repairs of Chebacco Bridge.

Voted That the Selectmen be and hereby are im-  
powered in behalf of the Town of Ipswich, and for  
their use, to Receive of the Town of Gloucester the Sum  
of Thirty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings lawful money  
and give said Town a final discharge of their Con-  
tract Relating to their finding Timber for  
Chebacco Bridge - said Selectmen to be accountable  
to the Town A copy on file - attest Samuel Rogers, Town Clerk

a True Copy, of the original, entered on Record by  
desire of the Selectmen of the Town of Gloucester, and  
July 22. 1796 Examined attest. John Rogers. Town Clerk



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Strays in Gloucester

Taken up & impounded the Owner unknown & therefore cried & posted as the Law directs on the twenty ninth Day of May AD 1766 in the Pound in Gloucester a red & bay Gelding about fourteen Hands high without any Notifical Mark and on the third Day of June no Claimer or appearing entred <sup>to be</sup> posted & cried as a Stray by William Rogers & Nehemiah Grover of Gloucester.

Taken up as a stray on the sixteenth Day of December AD 1772 by James Bishop of Gloucester in the County of Essex at Horfe. his colour a ~~dark red~~ <sup>a light bay</sup> and a white stripe down his face about fourteen hands high supposed to be about ~~nine~~ <sup>nine</sup> years old.

At the same Time Dec. 16. 1772 Messrs Samuel Whillemore & Daniel Warner were sworn to make an impartial Appraisal of the said Horse being appointed therefor by Daniel Wilham J. Pac. in com. Epus.

Taken up on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1773 by Stephen Low of Gloucester a gray small deep red Steeple coming three years old marked the left Ear except with a Nick or Notch in the under Side of the same Ear Hole bored in the Top of the Skull.

This agreement made and concluded upon  
 this Twenty first day of July, Anno Domini one  
 Thousand seven hundred and Ninety six, between  
 Jonathan Brown Junior, of Gloucester in the County of  
 Essex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Blacksmith  
 on the one part, and Isaac Ellwell, Merchant, Ste-  
 phen Brown Mariner, and Jonathan Brown the Third  
 Blacksmith, all of the same Gloucester on the other  
 part, Witnesses - That Whereas the having a  
 good Aqueduct leading through the said Jonathan  
 Brown's Junr. Land, which he purchased of Major  
 John Burnham, will be of mutual and lasting  
 Benefit and advantage, to all the parties aforena-  
 -med - Therefore the said Jonathan Brown Junr.  
 do hereby for myself, my heirs, and assigns, covenant  
 and agree with them the said Isaac Ellwell, Stephen  
 Brown, and Jonathan Brown the Third, their heirs  
 and assigns forever, and hereby do grant and convey  
 to them the Right and privilege, of digging a Ditch  
 through the said Land, necessary to make and main-  
 -tain the said Aqueduct, beginning the same near  
 the Cross wall at the Bottom of Daniel Rogers Esq. his  
 garden joining on the Premises, and running the same  
 through the said Premises, to the public Road lead-  
 -ing from the Harbour to the Town Parish vocal  
 -led, about Twenty seven feet from the North west  
 Corner of my new dwellinghouse and there to sink  
 a Cistern for the purpose of Receiving the said Waters.  
 In Consideration, whereof the said Isaac Ellwell, Stephen  
 Brown, and Jonathan Brown the Third, do jointly and  
 severally agree to dig the said Ditch, and to complete the  
 said Aqueduct, at their joint cost and expence, and  
 when completed they also hereby further agree, that  
 the said Jonathan Brown Junr. shall be the Owner  
 of and intrested in the said Aqueduct equally with  
 ourselves, that is to say one fourth part of the same -  
 It is also hereby further agreed, that the Cost and  
 Expence of keeping and maintaining the said Aqu-  
 -duct shall be equally sustained and defrayed by the  
 said Isaac Ellwell, Stephen Brown and Jonathan  
 Brown the Third, and their heirs and assigns, in  
 equal Proportion, that is to say one third Each -  
 It is also further agreed by all the parties afore-  
 -said, that all repairs in future, necessary to  
 keep the said Aqueduct in good order, and to  
 answer the Original design of the same, are to  
 be made, when the Crop is taken off the Premises,  
 and at a Time too, when it will be the least de-  
 -trimental to the said Land &c.

In Witnesses whereof the parties have hereunto



unto let their hands and Seals, the day and year within written.

Signed Sealed & delivered  
In Presence of  
Thomas Barnes  
John Rogers  
Jade Ewell  
Stephen Brown  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown 3<sup>d</sup>  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Junr.

The within written agreement, was, at the Request and by the desire of the Parties Respectively, entered on Record - in the Records of the Town of Gloucester - and is a true Copy of the same Examined - Attest. John Rogers. Town Clerk Gloucester July 22. 1796.

To W. Joseph Baker and Capt. John Butler, both of Gloucester, two disinterested and sufficient Persons. Greeting  
You are hereby appointed and empowered faithfully and impartially to estimate upon Oath the damage done to W. Jonathan Sargent by a certain black horse of about three years old, in his enclosure, which for that cause has been taken up and impounded by the said Jonathan Sargent in a pound near his house - And in like manner also, to appraise the said Creature to answer the said damages and all charges hereof paid not, and make return of this warrant into the Clerks Office of the said Town of Gloucester as soon as the business shall be performed in  
Given under my hand this seventh day of December A.D. 1805. John Manning  
Justice of Peace.

Execd. December 9<sup>th</sup> 1805.

Then the within named W. Joseph Baker and Capt. John Butler made oath that in estimating the within damages and appraising the within mentioned Creature they would act faithfully and impartially according to their best skill and judgment.  
Before me, John Manning. Just. Peace.

Pursuant to the within warrant we have considered the damage, done by the within Creature mentioned and do estimate the same at three Dollars and eighty cents - We have also appraised the within Creature to answer said damages, as a certain black three year old horse at Eighteen Dollars  
Gloucester Dec<sup>r</sup> 9. 1805 Joseph Baker  
John Butler

May 11 1734 John Stanwood his Bay Mare 13  
hands high about nine years old & Colt of  
Same Colour abt. one year old was entered

Shipped on Board the Sloop Abigail Zebulun  
Witham Master One brown inclining to black  
with a <sup>white</sup> star in his forehead two white feet & a dock  
Tail 14 Hands high & Eight years old, bot. of di.  
Another of Same Colour 1. vermilion Whirage  
with a large blaze or star in his forehead 13 hands  
high with a long Tail 20 months old bot of  
Benj. Averil  
Another of Same Colour 13 Hands high 20 months  
old & a long Tail bought of John Witham  
Another Sorrel or red Bay 13½ Hands  
high with a <sup>long</sup> Tail and severall white  
spots about the Head & Back 8 years old  
bought of Samuel Row by Elias Davis &  
Thomas Witham Of Gloucester Traders  
January 4<sup>th</sup> 1734/5.

April 1735 John Allen one Mare of a black Colour  
with a Star in her forehead five years old  
and her Colt one year old with of Same natu-  
ral & no Artificiall Mark.

Philemon Warner one Black Mare with  
a small Star in her forehead & no Artificiall  
Mark. entered April 4<sup>th</sup> 1735.

April 12 1735 Daniel Day one white Horse and  
one Mare Colt coming three years  
old with a white Spot in her forehead in  
shape of an Horse Shoe

April 12 1735 Daniel Witham one Brown Bay Horse  
5 years old abt. 14 Hands high a Blaze in  
his Face and his off hind foot white.

April 17 Jonathan Ingersoll one Black Horse with a  
Star in his forehead dockt <sup>then</sup> no Artificiall Mark

Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Sanders one Brown Horse 10  
years old with a Star in his forehead dockt &  
without any other Artificiall Mark abt 13 Hands high

April 17 John Piers one Sorrel Horse with a few  
white Hairs in his forehead and a yellow Man & Tail

April 17 Stephen Robinson one brown Horse branded  
on the near Shoulder & Tigh 13 years old

April 17 Joseph Sayward one black Horse with a Star in  
his forehead about 13½ Hands high not dockt with  
no Artificiall Mark.

April 30 John Goodenough one Brown Bay Horse  
dockt with a Star in his forehead and a Half Spring  
in of Ear  
One Colt coming three years old with a small Star  
in his forehead not dockt of a Brown Colour.



# Horses Toted

June 16 1735 Red Mr John White one Sorrel on Chestnut Horse with a Star in his forehead.

June 21 1735 Zerubabel Allen one Horse of a pale yellow colour with Black Legs black Mane & black Tail.

June 10 1735 Ebenezer Parsons one black Mare three years old no Artificial Mark

Aug<sup>st</sup> 7 1735 Pelatiah Day one black Horse with a ~~Star~~ Dock't Tail about 12 Hands high.

April 23 1736 } Pelatiah Day one black Horse about 12 Hands high with a Dock't Tail.

April 5 1736 } Eliska Corney one Sorrel Coloured Mare with a Whitish Mane & Tail about 12 hands high

April 15 1736 } Ebenezer Parsons two Mares (one) 4 years old a dark brown 13 Hands high The other a light brown a Star in her Fore head two years old & one white foot

April 16 1736 } John Day one white faced Sorrel Horse about 10 years old with his two hind feet white & a long or not dock't Tail.

April 17 1736 } Samuel Pierce two Horses One Sorrel with a few white Hairs in his Forehead & a yellow Mane & Tail Another black with a white Nose a small Star in his forehead & two white hind feet.

April 19 1736 } Joseph Gardner jun<sup>r</sup> One Dark Bay Horse with a short Tail abt 13 Hands high

April 19 1736 } John Allen one Mare Collt two years of a black Colour a Star in her forehead & no Artificial Mark.

April 28 1736 } Stephen Robinson one Brown Horse branded on Hip & near Shoulder 14 years old.

April 28 1736 } John Goodridge two Horses one a Brown Bay dock't with a Star in his Forehead and an half Penny in w<sup>th</sup> Ear. One Collt coming four w<sup>th</sup> a small Star in his forehead not dock't of brown Colour.

April 28 1736 } Daniel Witham one Horse with a blow in his forehead not dock't to the right hind foot white 14 Hands high.

April 28 1736 } Benjamin Averill one red Mare about 12 Hands high with a white Speck on her Back.

April 29 1736 } Joel Ingersell One red Collt of a year old with a Star in her forehead

April 29 1736 } Enchiel Day one White Horse and one Stone Gray Mare being the same that were Enters April 8 1734.

April 29 1736 } John Stannwood one red Mare Symonds Low one Mare red with a slit in her left Ear & a white streak in her face James Hardy one little red Mare with a white Face

May 8 1736 } Vinson Ellwell One black Horse

May 17. 1736 Jonathan Stevens one Dark Coloured Mare.

May 19. 1736 Joseph Sayward one Black Horse with a Star in his Forehead about 13½ Hands high

May 29 Nathaniel Sawyer one black Mare with 1736 a Star in her Forehead.

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1736 Ebenezer Parsons one light brown Mare coming three years old with a Star in her Forehead and near fore hoof White.

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1736 Phebe Day one Small black Horse about 5 years old with a short Dock and no artificial Mark.

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1737 Stephen Robinson one Brown Horse about 1 years old without any artificial Mark. the long Tail.

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1737 Elisha Coney one Dark Coloured Mare with a whitish Mane & Tail.

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1737 Antony Benet Junr. One greyish Colt. two years old with a long Tail and no Artificial Mark.

May 14. 1737 Rebecca Witham one Sord or red mare 12 hand high 12 years old and a Colt of same Colour 2 years old

April 10 1738 Ebenezer Parsons one Mare with a Star in her fore head & one white Spot on light brown Colour.

Vincent Vincent Black one Horse

John Goodridge two Horses

Daniel

Daniel Witham one Black Horse with hind right foot white & a White Blaze in his Forehead. 1739 April 4 Daniel Witham of same Horse as above entered in 1738.

Capt Thomas Sanders one Small dark colour ed Horse with a long Tail about 13 Hands high.

Elisha Coney one Sord Coloured Mare with a whitish Mane & Tail about 12 Hands high

Ebenezer Parsons one Brown Mare with a White Star in her fore head a Black Mane & Tail & near fore hoof part White & her <sup>u mane of</sup> Colt a reddish Brown & Star in her fore a greyish Mane & Tail & of her hinder hoof part White.

1740 Daniel Witham the same as entered 1738. & 1739 Ebenezer Parsons the same Mare & her Colt as entered last year

Widow Dorcas Uwell one black Horse



April 10. Widow Dorcas Elwell one black Horse with a white Star in his Forehead & same that was told last year.

822  
841  
58  
831  
851  
Daniel Witham one black Horse & White Stream in his Forehead the near Side of right hind foot White.

Antony Benet one red Mare with a Star in her Forehead.

1742

Widow Dorcas Elwell the Same black Horse with a Star in his Forehead that was told last year.

Daniel Witham the Same Horse that was told last year.

John Goodridge One white Horse with one Eye only. and one Brown or yellow Mare Marked with a Brand I.M. and her Colt

1743

April 9. Ebenezer Parsons one black Mare that paces about Eleven years old and One ~~Colt~~ brown horse Colt with a black Mane and Tail a White Spot upon his Nose About three years old

Daniel Witham Told the Same Horse he had last year.

1744

Joseph Littlehale one Bay Horse

Capt John Corney one Horse 5 or 6 years old with a yellow Main & Tail of brown Bay Colour Dock-tail & about 14 Hands high and One Bay & red Mare branded upon the left Hip I.M. about 14 Hands high

Elisha Corney one Sorrel Coloured Mare about 12 Hands with a White or yellow Mane & Tail

James Broome one black Horse with a White Stream in his Forehead & the inside of the right foot white

1762. April Daniel Witham one brown Bay Horse no Artificial Mark

Joseph Clough one black Mare <sup>white</sup> a Star in her forehead no Artificial Mark.

received of Mr James parsons constable  
of Gloucester the sum of Eighty six pounds  
Thirteen shillings and four pence as money  
in full of the To Rates of said Town I  
say Received

by John Phillips Treasurer.

Charlestown the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1693.  
Then received of Mr Jacob Davis collector  
for Mark Haskell deceased the sume of  
forty pounds fourteen shillings and two  
pence as money in & of the Twenty Rates  
of sd Towne which collected by his war-  
rant from the selectmen of sd Town I  
say Received

by John Phillips Treas<sup>r</sup>

Charle Towne the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1693 //

Then Received of Mr Thomas Riggs  
constable of Gloucester the sume of Sixty  
seven pounds in parte of sd Towns —  
portion of the Thirty Thousand pounds  
assessment I say received

by John Phillips Treasurer

This may certifie whom it may con-  
cerne that benjamin Haskall consta-  
ble for Gloucester for the gathering the  
county rate granted december 26<sup>th</sup>  
december by the generall sessions of the  
peace 1693 his proportion of it it is three  
pounds thirteen shillings and two  
pence which I have received the 9<sup>th</sup>  
July 1694 which is according to his  
List July 9<sup>th</sup> 1694:

John Appleton Treasurer  
for the county of Essex.

Boston May 22<sup>th</sup> 1694  
Received of Mr benjamin Hascall  
const of Gloucester Thirty pounds by  
discount of ordars in part of sd  
Towns asesment I say received for  
Mr James Taylor

30-0-0

by Jeri Allen

Boston January 12<sup>th</sup> 1693  
Received of Mr benjamin Hascall  
Const of Gloucester fifty pounds one  
shilling and nine pence by discount



of order in part of said Towns asesment  
for my master James Taylor  
by Jeremiak Allen

50-1-9

Boston September 20<sup>th</sup> 1694  
Received of Mr Benjamin haskall  
constable of glocester fifteen pounds  
ten shillings and two pence by  
the hands of Mr Jacob davis in  
full of ninety five pounds eleven  
shillings and a seven pence being  
in part of sd Towns asesment I  
say received for Mr James Taylor  
Treasur by

Jer Allen

15-10-2

in full of the Twenty four thousand  
Tax I say received for Mr James  
Taylor Treasurer  
by Jeremiak Allen

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16-0-7

Boston July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1695

Received of Mr John parsons con-  
stable of glocester fifteen pounds five  
shillings in full of all that is due  
from sd Town to this day I say  
received for Mr James Taylor  
Treasurer

by Jeremiak Allen

15-5-0

Boston december 3<sup>rd</sup> 1695

Received of Mr John parsons Con-  
stable of glocester Twenty pounds  
four pence in full of a warrant  
for Twenty six pounds four pence  
I say received for Mr James Tay-  
lor Treasurer by

Jeremiak Allen

20-00-4

Charlston the 12<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1693  
 then received from Mr Peter Coffin  
 constable of glocester by the hands  
 of his father Mr Trustum Coffin Thir-  
 ty one pounds ten shillings in bills of  
 credit in parte of what he is to collect  
 of sd Towns last assessment I say  
 received by John phillips Treasurer

Charlston the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1693  
 Then received of Mr peter Coffin con-  
 stable of glocester the sume of four  
 pounds six shillings nine pence in  
 part of sd Towns Last assessment I  
 say received by trustum coffin  
 By John phillips

boston March the 14<sup>th</sup> 1693  
 Received of Mr peter Coffin constable  
 of glocester by the hands of Mr Trustum  
 Coffin Twelve pounds eleven shillings  
 by discount in pe a order being in full  
 of one hundred fifteen pounds seven  
 shillings and six pence in pt of sd  
 towns assessment for Mr James  
 Taylor Treasurer  
 by Jeremia Allen

boston March the 4<sup>th</sup> 1695  
 Received of Mr John parsons con-  
 stable of glocester Twenty Two pounds  
 seventeen shillings and ten pence in  
 full of a warrant for twenty two  
 pounds seventeen shillings and ten  
 pence received for Mr James Taylor  
 Treasurer  
 by Jeremia Allen

22-17-10

Received of Joseph Allin in the be-  
 half of constable glocester the full of  
 the county rate two pounds seventeen  
 shillings and two pence April 1<sup>st</sup> 1696  
 by me John Appleton County

then received of Tho: Riggs sen of the  
 money that the sd Riggs received of  
 of Mr John ma — of salem for  
 the timber that was sold to him



at Little Cove the sume of two pounds  
seventeen shillings and two pence  
to pay the county rate according  
to the receipt above mentioned

I say received by me

John Parsons cons



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